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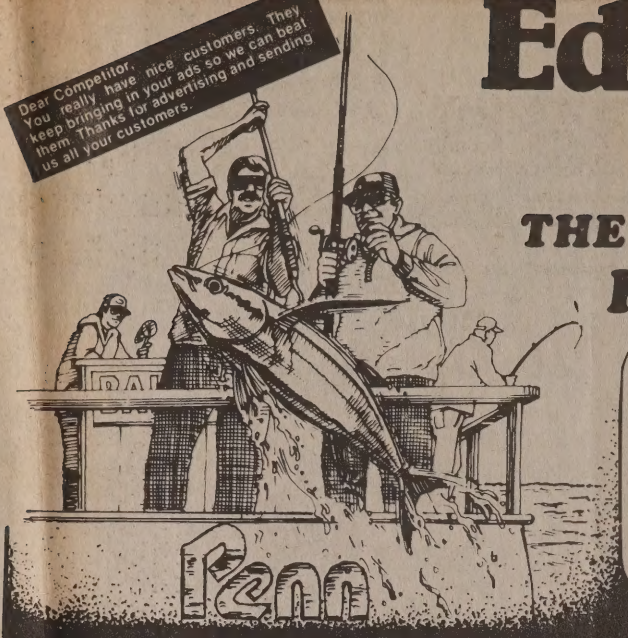

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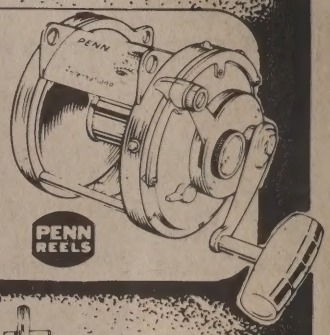

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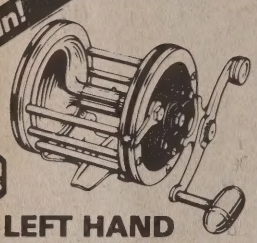

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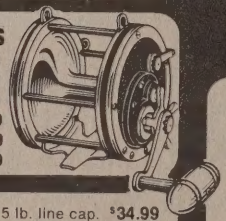

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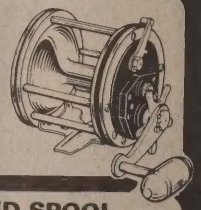

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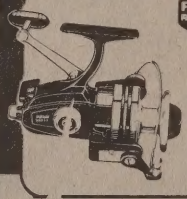

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Captain Charlie Nappi has informed us that all proceeds from his special Fluke Tournament, to be held at Scotti's Marina, June 28th and 29th, will be donated to The Long Island Fisherman's Send-A-Kid Fishing Program. He wishes to remind you that all kids (under 14 years of age) may enter free. In keeping with the spirit of the importance of fishing in children's lives, Captain Nappi will hold a special drawing on Lorry Mangan's TV show. The entrants will consist only of those kids under 14 who participate in the fluke tournament. The winner plus friends, brothers or sisters and at least one parent or guardian (total five persons) will win a fluke trip on the Montauk charter boat "Mako Express" with Captain Zac Grossman and the "Duke of Fluke," Captain Charlie Nappi, as guides.

BASIC BOATING COURSE IN BROOKLYN

Whether you own a boat, are thinking of buying a boat, or just want to learn more about boating, water safety, and seamanship, Brooklyn Power Squadron's Basic Boating Course is for you.

This summer, the Brooklyn Power Squadron, which was founded in 1918, will be offering a basic boating course to the public. The instructions are free. However, a nominal fee is charged for the course materials.

Registration and the first class, will commence on June 10, 1986 and run twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at St. Francis College on Remsen Street in downtown Brooklyn. The hours will be from 7:30 to 9:30 PM and the course will end on July 17, 1986.

This course has been offered by the Brooklyn Power Squadron for the past 68 years. It will cover basic piloting, coastal navigation, seamanship, rules of the road, boat handling under normal and adverse conditions, weather, sail, engine maintenance and a host of other practical topics will be covered. You will see interesting slides and get a hands-on experience in marlinspike and marine radio operation.

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For further information, those interested should contact Lt. Ursel Crutchfield at (212) 538-0382 or Lt. Judith DeMeglio at (718) 338-3083.

ATLANTIS ANGLERS MEETING MAY 27TH

Guest speaker will be Mr. Paul Kramer, Captain of the Miss Point Lookout open party boat. Captain Kramer plans to talk about both weakfish and fluke fishing. I'm sure we can all learn something from what he has to say. Any fisherman interested in joining a club are welcome.

For information, call: Jay Ebbets, (516) 766-4381 or Ralph Horowitz, (516) 889-0931 after 7PM.

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK JUNE 1ST THROUGH JUNE 7TH

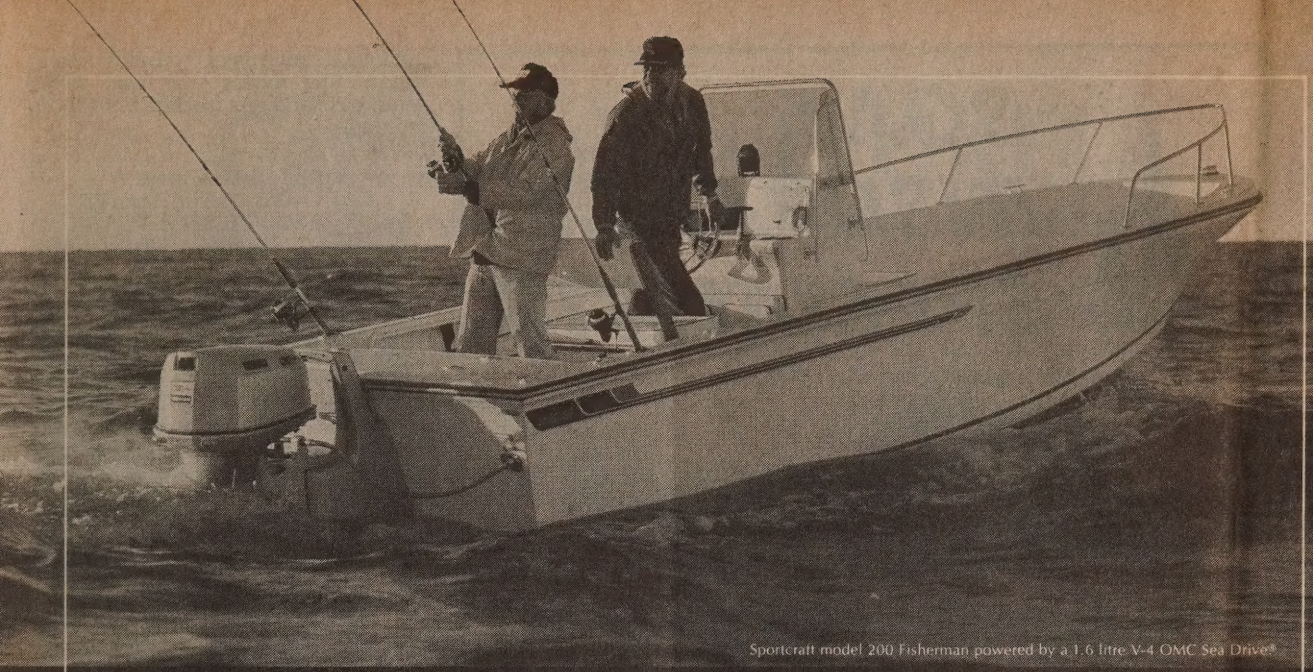
Know your boat and safe boating equipment and know how to use it. Neptune Power Squadron, as a community service, will display and explain the use of necessary basic safe boating equipment, practices and demonstrate fire fighting equipment on Sunday, June 1, 9AM to Noon at the Huntington Mill Dam public ramp and Saturday, June 7, 9AM to Noon at the Long Island Lighting public ramp Northport. Boaters, guests, children and everyone else are welcome. Be smart; know how to be a safe boater.

U.S. FISHERMEN LAND 6.3 BILLION POUNDS OF FISH AND SHELLFISH IN 1985

U.S. fishermen landed 6.3 billion pounds of fish and shellfish last year, valued at more than $2.3 billion, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said today. Landings fell slightly from the 1984 total of 6.4 billion pounds worth just over $2.4 billion, according to the Commerce Department agency.

Harvests by American fishermen, who landed their catches at ports outside the 50 states or sold their fish at sea in joint venture operations, increased almost 600 million pounds to 2.4 billion pounds, valued at $277 million. Despite this 32 percent catch increase, the value of the fish decreased by $11 million in value compared with 1984.

Most of the non-joint venture catches consisted of tuna landed at canneries in Puerto Rico. Of the 6.3 billion pounds landed last year. 3.3 billion pounds was edible fish and shellfish, unchanged from 1984. Flounder and tuna harvests fell during the period, but were generally offset by strong showings of clams, Alaska pollock, shrimp and salmon. The remaining 3 billion pounds—a drop of five percent from 1984 consisted of fish used for



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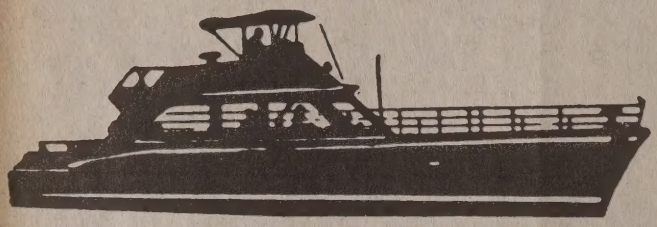

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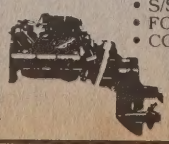

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Captain Irv Levine of Oakdale (516-589-8204), who is celebrating his 12th successful year of teaching the Captains Course is giving a free gift of a Solar Calculator to all new students who sign up between June and December, 1986. Says Irv, "I am an inflation fighter. My students have always received their study material to keep and now the calculator will be included. I am also going to hold my price of $180 for the balance of 1986."

Captain Irv is now in the process of completing a new book "Modern Mariners Manual Part II" which will be used in conjunction with "Modern Mariners Manual Part I." It will be jammed packed with theory and illustrations to help make learning easier.

STRIPER SURF CLUB ANNOUNCES 1985 RESULTS AND NEW SLATE

The Striper Surf Club held its annual awards night and dinner at Reinhardt's in Bayville and the following received awards for surf-caught bass over 15 pounds:

Most striped bass in surf: Ira Friedman, 10 fish; 2nd most striped bass: Jack Driscoll, 5 fish, 294 points; 3rd most striped bass: Leif Gobel, 5 fish, 180 points; ; 4th most striped bass: Chris Sztorc, 4 fish; 5th most striped bass: John Kaye, 2 fish; most in New York: Leif Gobel; 5 fish; largest Eastern Seaboard, Ira Friedman, 37 lbs. and largest New York, John Williams, 31 lbs.

The following officers were installed for 1986: President: Bill Rothwell; 1st V.P.: Bob Pascucci; 2nd V.P.: Mike Lynch; Corres. Sec.: Peter Kane; Recordinjg Sec.: Nick Schiralli; Treasurer: Jack Driscoll; and Sgt. At Arms: Chris Sztorc.

HOUSTON MARINE'S CAPTAINS COURSE AVAILABLE AT EXAM PREP CENTER

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The Exam Prep Center will be run by Irwin Spiegel, a regional representative for Houston Marine since 1978.

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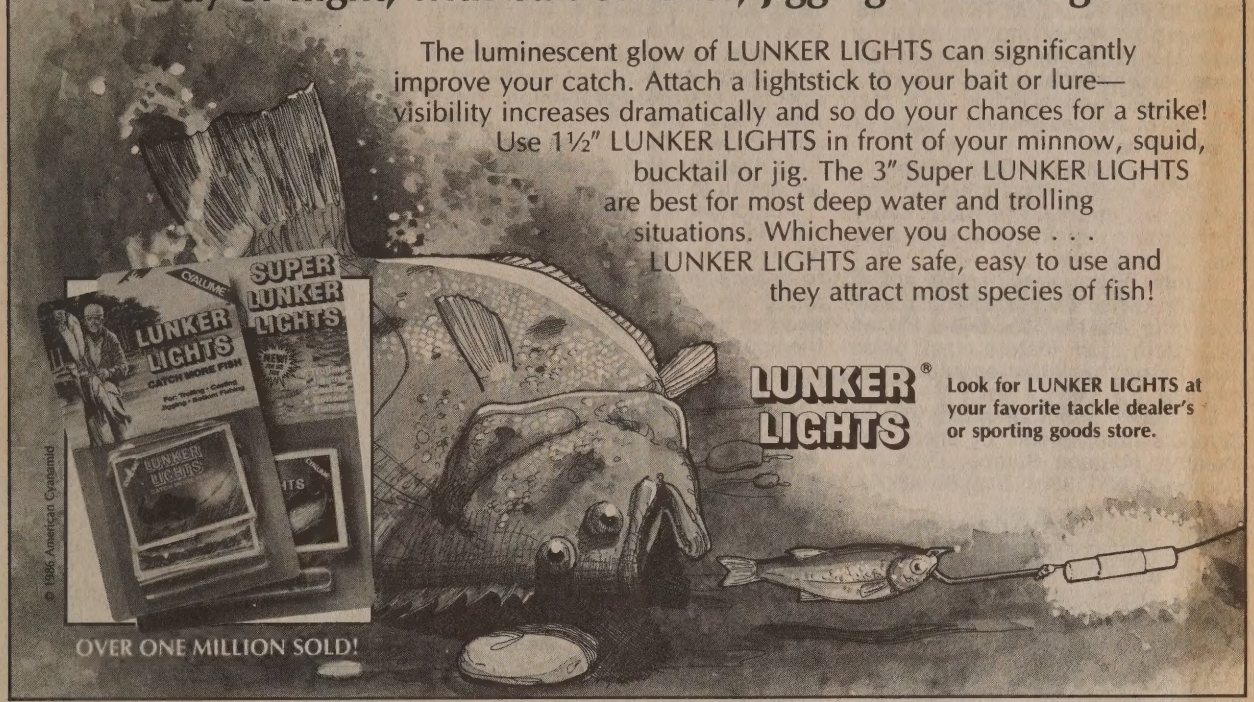

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SAFE BOATING WEEK JUNE 1ST TO 7TH

Boating safety education will be the theme of 1986 National Safe Boating Week June 1st to 7th.

The Marine Retailers Association of America urges its members to take part in the national promotion, which carries the theme title, "Be Smart: Take A Boating Course."

Dealers who wish to participate can obtain information on radio and television spots, posters and a pamphlet containing federal requirements for recreational boats. The material is available from Comdt. G-BS-4, U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Steet, S.W., Washington, DC 20593.

SURFSIDE III TUNA CLUB ANNOUNCES NEW SLATE

Surfside III Tuna Club had their annual elections and results are as follows:

President: Joe Steiner; Vice President: Frank Sterlacci; Treasurer: Joe Ferrari; Recording Secretary: Paul Mott; Corresponding Secretary: Jim Kavanagh; Membership Committee: Rich Molner; and Fishing Committee: Terry Behan.

We will be having a special meeting on Thursday, May 22nd at 8:30PM. There will be fishing demonstrations, fishing films, refreshments. Possible new members are invited. The meeting is held at the Harbor House Restaurant at the end of Maple Avenue in Bay Shore.

PFLUEGER INDUCTED INTO FISHING HALL OF FAME

Ernest F. Pflueger, fishing tackle pioneer and the "father" of the Pflueger Company was enshrined as one of the 1986 inductees in the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame located in Hayward, Wisconsin credits Mr. Pflueger as one of "the founders of the modern fishing tackle industry."

The Pflueger Company established in 1864 remains America's oldest fishing tackle manufacturers, a tribute to the genius and foresight of Ernest F. Pflueger. All three of the 1986 Hall of Fame inductees will be honored with the "Time Eternal Award."

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With the Abu-Garcia "Fast Cast" system, the angler may release the open face bail cage with a trigger below his index finger. He may also release the bail in the traditional manual method.

The new Cardinal 962, 963 and 964 have been outfitted with a new oversized drag system, the 750 degree Durasmooth drag, according to officials. This provides more consistent tension against very fast, very strong record-class game fish.

The 900 series reels feature graphite body, graphite side plates and graphite spool and rotor. Graphite is lighter, tougher and more corrosion resistant than most metals. In addition, the Fairfield, NJ company has introduced these new reels with a lifetime warranty.

The Cardinal 900 reel series was designed to meet the requirements of world record fishing. The 962 is for light line fishermen, handling 2 to 6 lb. test monofilament. The 963 handles 130 yards of 8 lb. test line, while the 964 will spool up to 160 yards of 12 lb. test line. The 962 and 963 were engineered with a fast 5.4:1 gear ratio; the 964 features a stronger 4.9:1 retrieve.

"Superior corrosion resistance was a high priority with the Cardinal 900 series," said Jim McIntosh, Product Manager. "We believe these reels will be the choice of both fresh and salt water fishing professionals who use their reels every day and want the confidence inspired by the Cardinal engineering and name."

Besides the light graphite components, other corrosion protection features on the Cardinal 962, 963 and 964 include stainless steel bail pick-up, a brass pinion gear, and a die cast main gear. All parts have received a special corrosion-protection treatment. And the 750 degree Durasmooth rear drag system has been fully sealed inside the reel housing, according to McIntosh.

For longer and more precise casts, Abu-Garcia engineers have specified an aluminum oxide rotating line roller to reduce line friction, time phased spool oscillation, and an upswept head to permit direct line flow from the spool through the rod guides.

TROJAN INTRODUCES INTERNATIONAL 12 METER

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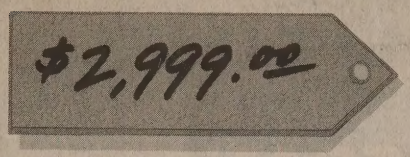

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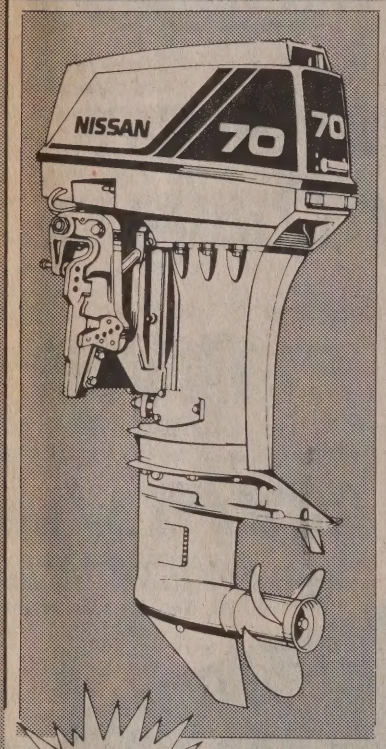

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EAGLE ANNOUNCES NEW COMPUTER SONAR GRAPHS

Heading a list of new products being introduced by Eagle Electronics, Catoosa, OK, are the Z-15 an Z-155 Computer Sonar Graphs.

The new units are similar to the famous X-series of graphs produced last year by Lowrance Electronics, or which Eagle is a division.

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Both units boast a long list of features including the ability to penetrate the deepest of waters in 10 foot increments, and provide pinpoint definition of bottom contours, fish, structure and other underwater objects.

All other features of the X-series are incorporated into the new units.

They include a patented Grayline feature that indicates the type of bottom material (hard or soft) and separates the bottom from brush, rocks and other objects; a discrimination system that rejects noise and interference, a new easy-load paper drive system with tilt-out cartridge; improved surface clutter removal operation and an alternate print mode which doubles chart paper life.

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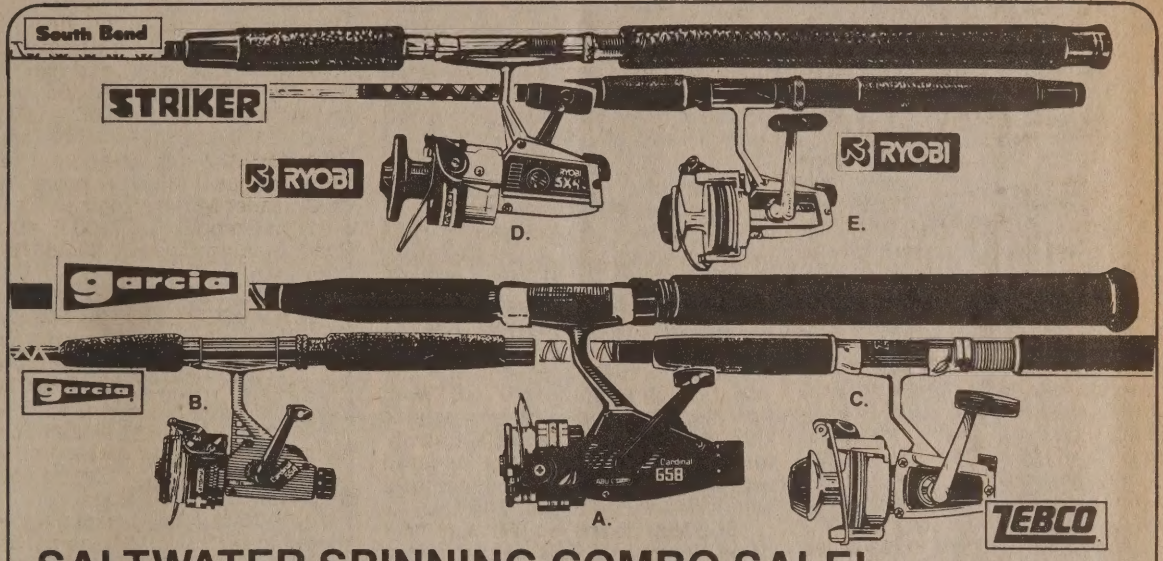

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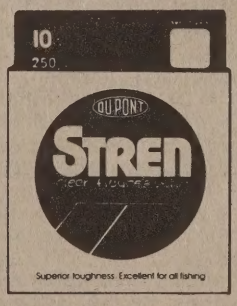

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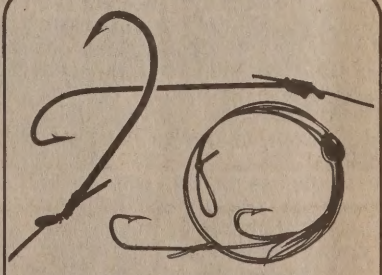

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CUTTER PUMP SPRAY AND SINGLE USE PACKETS

In response to demands from consumers, Cutter Insect Repellent has made its Evergreen scent repellent available in new single use packets and pump spray dispensers for the 1985 insect season. The two new products join the Cutter line of aerosol, stick and cream repellents in the famous Original and Evergreen scent formulas that outdoorsmen trust for effective protection against mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers, fleas and biting flies.

The single use packets will be boxed in packages of eight and the pump spray will contain four oz. of repellent. They are available in sporting goods, drug and grocery stores and other traditional outlets for Cutter products.

"We used sample packets of Cutter Insect Repellent as giveaways and promotional items," said Barbara Ebner, Senior Product Manager for Cutter Insect Repellent. "The response was so strong, especially from outdoorsmen, we decided to make them available for general use. We think outdoorsmen will appreciate how easy they are to carry and use."

The small foil packets contain enough cream repellent to provide one person with all day protection from biting bugs. The packets fit easily into pockets, backpacks, tackle boxes and glove compartments. They are also spill-proof and easily disposable so they can be taken and used anywhere.

The new non-aerosol pump spray is also a Cutter response to consumer requests. "Although aerosols deliver repellent efficiently some people prefer non-aerosol aprays," said Ebner. "They can also be made more compact than aerosols and are less prone to accidental sprays when carried in a bag or pack. We're pleased to provide consumers the choice."

The pump spray contains the same active ingredients that make Cutter aerosol spray so popular. The slim plastic bottle fits easily into backpacks, tackle boxes or bags, making it the ideal alternative for the outdoorsman who needs serious, effective protection from bugs in an easily portable container. An overcap protects against accidental sprays.

FURUNO FCV-661 COLOR VIDEO SOUNDER

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YAMAHA INTRODUCES DUAL ENGINE SYSTEM FOR OUTBOARDS

Yamaha Outboards has become the first manufacturer to offer a V6 counter-rotating dual engine system, available in 150 and 200 horsepower models for 1986.

Until now, only expensive inboard boats featured propellers turning in opposite directions to minimize steering torque and keep the boat on an even keel. Yamaha's new system has the propellers turning outboard to eliminate the torque problem.

Safety, power, and economy of operation have long been the hallmarks of a dual outboard installation. Savvy skippers know the value of a back-up outboard when the shoreline is out of sight, and twin outboards deliver more power than most I/Os and inboards without taking up extra deck space. And with two outboards on the transom, anglers can shut one down while trolling with the other, to save fuel. Twin outboards deliver extra maneuverability, allowing the skipper to dock or come alongside smartly.

While twin outboards offered a lot of advantages, there were compromises. Boaters were faced with using two outboards designed not for dual use, but single engine installation. That meant a cluttered helm with additional wiring, two trim and tilt controls, two different keys, and on the new oil-injected outboards, an extra monitoring system.

And anyone who has ever punched the throttle on a dual outboard boat knows how tiring steering torque can be. With propellers turning clockwise, the operators had to compensate with counterclockwise pressure on the wheel. For a long run to the banks, or heading home after a long day fishing, that can mean a very tired skipper.

With Yamaha's dual engine system with counter-rotating propellers, the left-hand torque of one is balanced by the right-hand torque of the other. With engine torque balanced, the boat is more inclined to stay on its lines and not corkscrew to the left. For the skipper and passengers, the dual engine system means more enjoyable boating.

Until now, outboard manufacturers were unwilling to confront the manufacturing difficulties of producing counter-rotating outboards. But Yamaha thought that it was a feature outboard boaters deserved, especially with the growing popularity of offshore and Great Lakes fishing.

When Yamaha created the Dual Engine System, it also created special controls and accessories. At

the heart of the system is a new Dual Binnacle Control, with a combined power trim and tilt switch, enabling the operator to move the motors up or down in tandem, and a separate switch for each motor to fine tune the operation, or to raise one motor out of the water for trolling. The Dual Engine Panel also features a unified safety lanyard that stops both motors if the operator leaves the helm, and indentical keys for no-fumble starting. With Yamaha's Precision Blend oil injection system, there's a common warning system that sounds a buzzer and lowers the rpm of both engines in the event of low oil or overheating in either engine.

The engines are identical in color and styling as Yamaha's other V6 outboards, except for a decal on the cowling and lower gearcase, indicating the counter-rotating feature. They carry Yamaha's exclusive two-year warranty, and the same anti-corrosion and long-life features, including a 15 amp alternator, providing 50 percent more charging capability than last year's V6 models.

ORVIS SUNGLASSES

A serious fly fisherman needs at least two pairs of polarized sunglasses: one with gray neutral lenses for reducing glare and eyestrain on sunny days, another pair with amber-tinted lenses for enhancing contrast during evenings and mornings and cloudy days. Many fly fishermen are also upland hunters or trap and skeet shooters, and they need high-contrast sunglasses with yellow lenses for spotting a grouse in heavy cover or a clay bird against a gray sky. That's three pairs.

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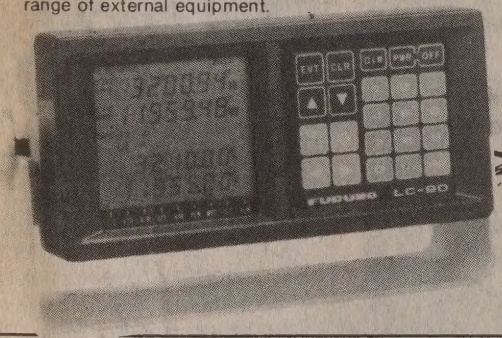

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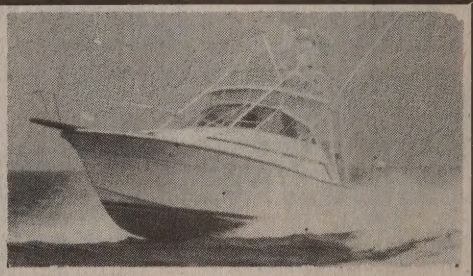

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MARINER CELEBRATES 10TH YEAR BY ADDING MORE OIL INJECTION MODELS

MAriner is celebrating its tenth year in North America by adding more oil injection models to its offerings. The Fond du Lac, WI, based company also is introducing three new outboards: 45, 50 and 135 horsepower models.

Oil injection is now standard on all electric start outboards from 40 to 200 horsepower. The V-6 Mariner 150 and 200 have been oil injected for two seasons. The Mariner 175, introduced last year, also has this feature.

With the new system, the boat's fuel line leads into the oil reservoir, where the positive displacement oil pump mounted on the reservoir accurately mixes oil with fuel. Bob DuCoty, product director for Mariner Outboards, said, "The system is extremely reliable. One line feeds the fuel pump; it's the ultimate in automatic engine lubrication." The system is operated under vacuum by means of the outboard's fuel pump.

The compact three-quart reservoir can be bulkhead or deck mounted with the stainless steel hardware included. It's easy to install.

Mariner's new four cylinder 45 has long been known for its smooth operation when it was known as the "50." It's been a favorite of fishermen, DuCoty said, "The 45 can be run at

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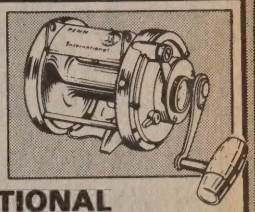

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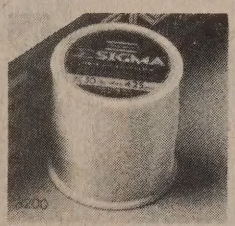

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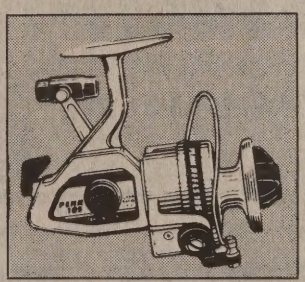

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Replacing the four cylinder 50 is a new three cylinder model with six more cubic inches. The new large displacement "ski" 50 develops an extremely strong power curve. DuCoty said, "Top speed and acceleration are impressive as a result of advanced carburetor technology, powerhead design and exhaust tuning. The 50 also produces excellent fuel economy."

The extremely compact new 50, with Direct Charge induction, produces more horsepower without increasing fuel consumption. The pistons are power-ported, which results in maximum utilization and power from each fuel charge. "The 50 could very well be the best ski engine in its class," DuCoty said.

Mariner's new V-6 entry is built on its series of 150, 175 and 200 horsepower outboards. At 135 horsepower, this new "powerhouse" was designed for boaters in two important markets: commercial and pleasure. As a pleasure model, it fits the need for bass and pleasure boats rated for 135 or 140 horsepower.

Mariner's worldwide use in the tough, commercial markets demanded that the same 135 horsepower "pleasure" outboard contain heavy duty "work" components to absorb high stress loads. The water pump is chrome plated stainless steel. The larger crankshaft bearing areas, larger bearings and thicker, more durable reed valves lead to longer engine life. The 135 has a lower compression ratio, which is mandatory in remote "Third World" markets, and is tolerant of low octane fuels. However, carburetion offsets the compression factor, so peak horsepower output and acceleration is achieved. "It's probably the most 'bullet-proof' large outboard built in the world today," DuCoty emphasized. At 135 horsepower, it compares very favorably with competitive models rated at 140 horsepower.

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In addition to new models, Mariner

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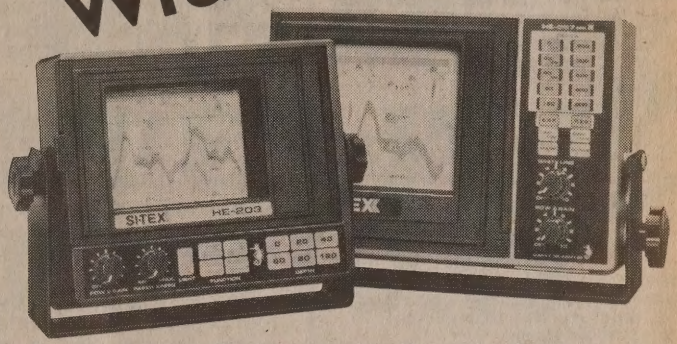

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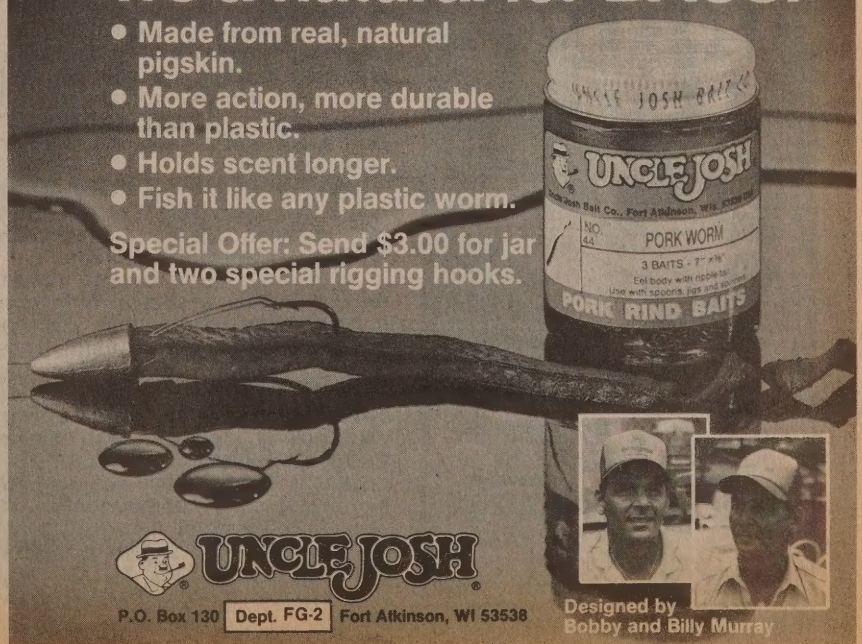

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Kunnan has also added two new steelhead rods and a salmon rod. The steelhead models are both 8½ feet long and include a casting rod, 7686M, and a spinning rod, 7686 SM. Both are two piece and rated for 8 to 20 lb. test line.

The new salmon rod, Model 7690H, is a 9 foot heavy action model, rated for 15 to 30 lb. test line. It's two piece for easy transport and storage.

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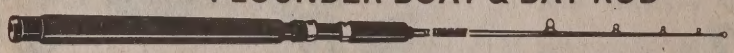

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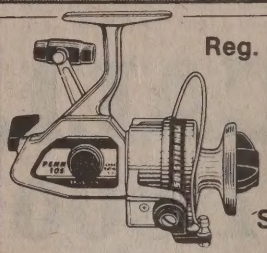

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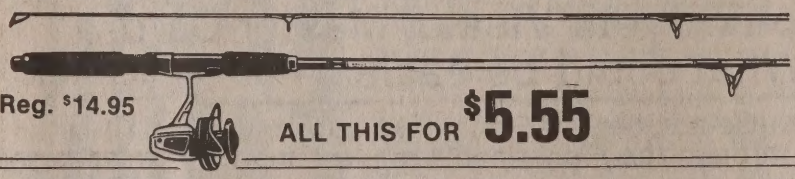

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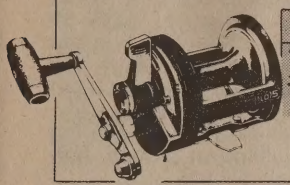

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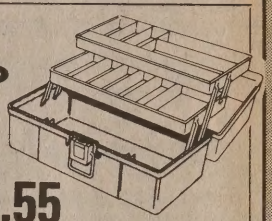

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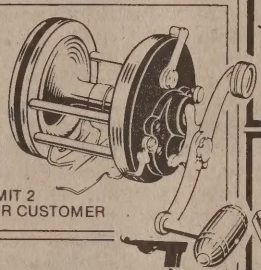

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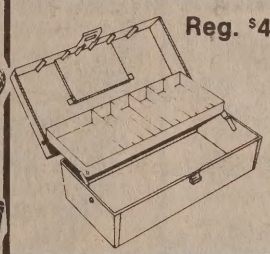

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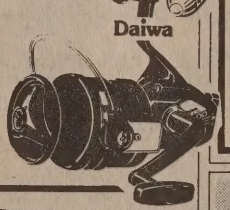

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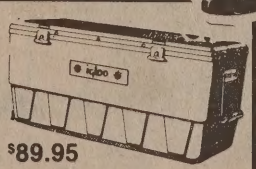

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BOATS FOR ANGLERS:
TIARA PURSUIT
by Pete Barrett

Present day Tiara boats represent more than 30 years of effort on Leon Slickers part to create a high quality, handcrafted boat that balances good looks with seaworthiness, top-notch construction materials and practical design for good fishing and comfort.

Slickers' original line boats, the Slickcraft series, was among the early companies to begin using fiberglass to build its boats as wooden construction methods began to fade into history. Slickers was also among those to lead the way in presenting cuddy cabin boats for fishermen and pleasure boaters. Today, the Tiara lineup includes flashy sport boats marketed under the Continental banner, and fishing boats under the Pursuit nameplate.

The 2500 Pursuit Cuddy Cabin is a good example of Tiara's commitment to building a good fishing boat. Gary Garrison, of Mullica River Boat Basin, took me on a close-hand tour of the 2500 and pointed out many of the boat's features. I previously had the chance to run a 2500 on a short day's fishing for blues and was impressed with the solid feel of the boat and its stable ride. A fishing buddy of mine, John Heyer, has used his 2500 Pursuit from New Jersey to Nantucket chasing everything from blues and fluke to tuna and billfish, and has been pleased with the performance of his Pursuit.

Tiara calls the hull design Paraplane and it uses a deep vee entry to cut the water, reverse chines to throw spray away from the boat and strakes to help lift the hull while running at cruise speeds. The Paraplane surface takes up the last half of the hull and helps slide the water across the bottom very efficiently so at cruise speeds the 2500 is stingy on fuel.

High tech construction utilizes fiberglass stringers bonded directly to the hull to create a strong, non-flex hull. Open spaces are foam filled for safety and to deaden water sounds. A special lap joint where the hull meets the inner deck mold further enhances the strength and rigidity of the hull.

The cockpit area is large for a boat this size and it takes up nearly 80 square feet. The outboard version has a fold-down, teak splash well. A pair of teak covered battery and electrical boxes at each transom corner allow access into the bilge for mounting transducers, washdown pumps, batteries and battery switch.

The deck features an aggressive diamond patterned non-skid surface that really grabs your deck shoes. A fisherman could be knee deep in mackerel and still not lose his footing. A large baitwell is built into the deck just ahead of the splash well panel.

The cockpit has a lot of freeboard, coming up to hip level for an average sized fisherman. The combings are wide for mounting rod holders, outrigger bases or downrigger pads and also have the non-skid pattern for sure footing while boarding the boat. Under the gun'ls there are teak rod holders capable of holding reels up to

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At the forward end of the cockpit helm chairs are mounted on top of molded-in storage/fish boxes, both of which will hold a generous amount of fish and other gear. The 2500 I fished on had no trouble holding over two dozen blues in the one box, while the other box was used for storing lures, foul weather suits, and assorted lines and gear.

The helm area is very nicely done with some thought for electronics. There is a lot of room here; enough to mount nearly any of the electronic "toys" we all seem to like to use for better fishing. The dished stainless steel wheel is mounted at an angle, beneath it are complete gauges and space for tachs, tilt/trim gauges and flush mount water temperature gauge, flasher and digital depth finder. A strong aluminum trimmed windshield borders the front and sides of the helm.

Enter the cabin through a combination teak and plexi-door, smoke colored for privacy. The cabin has a fiberglass deck, formica cabinets trimmed in teak, carpeted upper bulkheads, a head liner and padded storage shelves. Features include a sink, water pump, roll away doors to galley cabinets, an enclosed Porta-Potti, vee berth with thickly padded cushions, a colllapsing dining table and an overhead ventilation hatch.

Up forward, the bow sports an all welded 1 inch stainless grab rail. The fore deck has the same non-skid pattern as the cockpit for good footing while working the anchor or docking lines. The anchor locker hides the anchor from view when not in use. Its size is perfect for the Danforth style anchors used on boats of this size and there is enough storage room for about 200 feet of anchor rode. The compartment drains overboard and the hatch is gasketed so rain or heavy seas don't get into the locker.

The finish work on the Pursuit is nothing short of excellent. Sight down the hull and you won't find a ripple in it. Tiara takes a lot of extra time to make sure their boats are built with care. All teak trim is joined neatly; hardware is the best available using stainless, heavily chromed or marine aluminum parts.

Described above is the outboard version of the 2500, but an outboard bracket version for single or twin engines is also available. The two versions are virtually identical except for some differences at the transom to accommodate the Sea Drives.

SPECIFICATIONS

Length	24'7"
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★ PRODUCT REVIEW ★

SHIMANO TRITON TLD

by Pete Barrett

Big game anglers have known the importance of lever drag reels for decades and have used them to land some incredibly large fish like giant tuna and blue marlin weighing in at more than 1000 pounds. Unfortunately, few of us ever get to tangle with these huge fish, but with Shimano's introduction of the TLD series of Triton reels the advantages, and fun, of lever drag fishing can now be used for light tackle anglers who want to use 12 to 30 pound test line for trophy fish. Now every fish can be battled with the same finesse as a "grander."

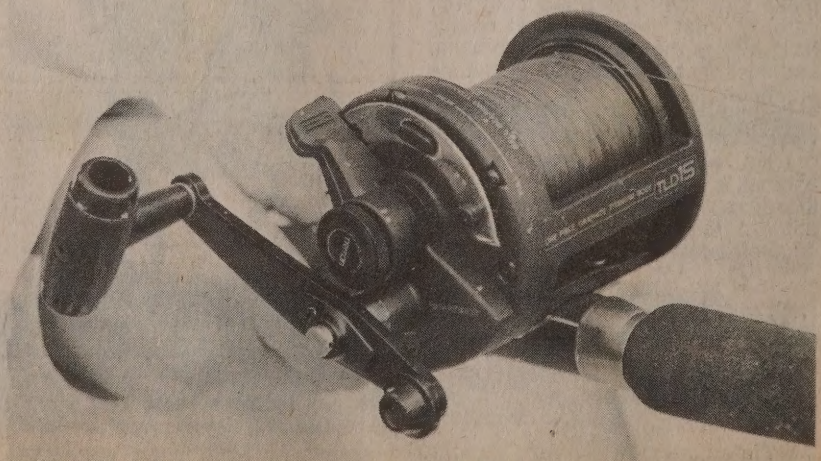
The advantage of the lever drag reel is its ability to change the drag setting while fighting a big fish, to either decrease the drag setting on a long run, or increase it at boatside to muscle in those last few feet of line. The lever allows the drag to be changed easily and with more precision than can be done with a star drag reel.

My own experience with the TLD Triton reels started last fall when I purchased a pair of TLD 15s, the largest of the series, to use for school tuna, sharks and bluefish; plus southern species like sailfish, dolphin and amberjack during the winter in Florida. So far I've only caught several dozen fish on the reels from 12 pound blues to 40 pound sails, one 60+ pound amberjack and a variety of 'cuda, kingfish and dolphin of small sizes; but the reels have performed flawlessly and they are a real pleasure to use.

Shimano advertises the reels as suitable for casting, trolling and bait-fishing, so after using them for two of the applications, I had to try some casting. Using the lever to free spool the reel was no different than any other conventional reel that uses a free spool lever to disengage the gears for casting. After a few trial casts, it appeared that the spool was free-wheeling and well balanced for a smooth cast. I'm sure the TLD 15 would be a neat reel for fishing live bunker off the jetty ends or for tossing big Atom plugs in the surf.

The TLD reels are constructed around a one piece housing molded from a graphite/titanium composite that makes the reels strong, very light in weight, and virtually corrosion-proof. Another advantage of the one piece frame, which includes the left side plate as an integral part, is that there are few screws in the reel housing so it won't come apart during a prolonged battle with a big fish.

Scratches won't show up badly on the frame or side plate because the graphite material is already black in



color which matches the overall color of the reel. Even after years of use the TLDs should look like new.

Internally, the reel is built to take a lot of punishment. There are four ball bearings supporting the spool steady with no wobble and it spins freely. The spool is also made of the graphite titanium composite and matches the reel body. The spool shaft is stainless steel to minimize the possibiltiy of corrosion or rust.

Shimano calls their gears Salt Water Super Gears and won't tell what they are made of. Like many manufacturers, they have spent a lot of dollars on research for wear resistant gears and don't want the competition to know what they are using. To you and I the name of the metals aren't what really matters; all we count on is that the gears won't wear out, and if the Super Gears are like those in my 10-year-old Shimano Bantams, they'll last a long time.

The drag is titanium in a woven fabric type washer to resist heat build-up and to be impervious to water or grease. As mentioned earlier, one TLD that I totally submerged kept right on working fine despite the rude dunking from me. The drag is supported by special ball bearings that help to make the drag operate very smoothly, something especially critical to light tackle anglers seeking record fish on light lines.

Adjustment of the drag is accomplished by first placing the lever in the free spool position, then turning the large adjustment knob located just above the reel handle. Flip the lever to the "strike" position and check the setting with a hand scale. If additional adjustment is needed, return to free spool, again turn the drag knob and check the setting with the lever in the "strike" position.

For additional drag, as you might need for a big fish at boatside when the double line is on the reel, the lever can be moved further forward past the "strike" position to the "full drag" position. Using light lines, however, it is easy to move the lever so far forward to nearly lock up the spool, so it is important to check the drag setting with a scale at both the "strike" and "full" positions. This is not critical when using heavier lines such as 25 or 30 pound test.

The Triton TLDs are well made with all parts fitting together properly. Play between the spool and frame was very close, so there should be no problems with light lines. All parts appear to be made of high quality materials and are oversized where needed—handle knob, handle, gears, lever and reel foot—so the reels not only look strong and rugged, but actually function that way while fishing.

The TLD series consists of the TLD 5 for 12 to 20 pound line; the TLD 10 for 14 to 25 pound line and the TLD 15 for 17 to 30 pound lines.

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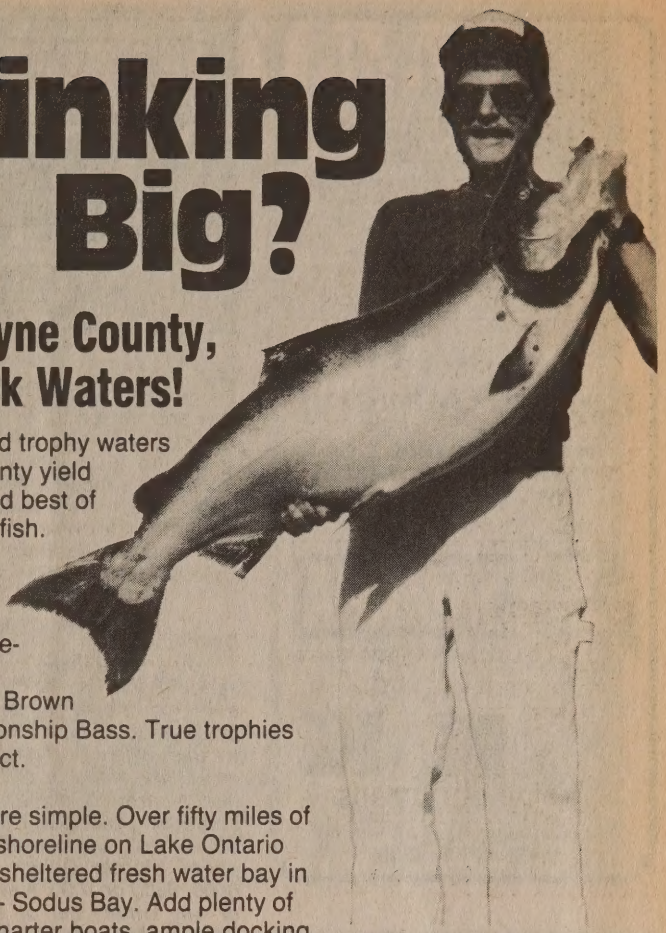

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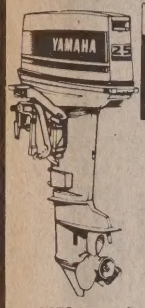

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I've been fishing for a few years now and have a lot of equipment, but now my dad and I are in the process of buying a 24 foot Stamus. Would you please recommend some equipment (rods, reels and accessories) for general bottom fishing, drift jigging and maybe trolling for inshore species? Thank you very much.

Rob Cicchetti.

Dear Rob,

You are not likely to find one or two specific outfits that will do all you ask. For openers, you will need one basic popping type rod and reel setup to use when drift fishing for fluke, weakfish, blues or striped bass. The best all around reel for this purpose is something along the lines of a Penn 930 or 940; Shimano SG-50; Shakespeare Sigma; Daiwa, Ambassadeur 6000, 6500 or 7000; Newell 228 or 235, or any other reel of similar proportions that will hold a couple hundred yards of 12, 14 or 17 pound test mono or dacron line.

A popping rod that measures 6 to 7 feet overall and is rated to handle up to 1½ or 2 ounces should round out this outfit and will certainly be capable of handling any fish you are likely to encounter when fishing inshore waters along the North Atlantic.

Trolling is a whole new ball game and will require a completely different approach. Most inshore trollers go with 20 or 30 pound class rods, reels in the 2/0 to 4/0 size and lines testing 20 to 40 pounds. The above setup will subdue most any species of fish that inhabit inshore waters and are certainly capable of taking school size bluefin, yellowfin and skipjack tuna, white marlin and dolphin that prowl the mid-range waters.

We've used most of the standard brand reels including the Penns (most sizes from 2/0 on up to 12/0), Daiwa's 300 to 900H series; Shimano's Triton series in the 30 to 80 W sizes, and a few off-beat brands that are not commonly found on local tackle shop shelves and most did a passable jog.

None of the above are, however, considered suitable for any type of deep jigging. We tend to go with a 20 pound class blank when selecting a rod for deep jigging and will usually match it with a mid-size conventional style reel such as the Newell 338F, Penn Jigmaster, Shimano Mark or the Ambassadeur 7000 or 9000. All of the above models feature a fast (5 to 1) retrieve ratio which we feel is necessary when deep jigging where the lure must be cranked in at flank speed if it is to attract fish.

As your letter implies, you are located on Long Island. I do seriously suggest you visit a local tackle shop that specializes in tackle for inshore fishing in your immediate area. Most of the smaller "Mom and Pop" type tackle shops are owned by dyed-in-the-wool fishermen and you can generally glean some good info from these local experts.

On a final note, don't be too hasty storing your freshwater gear. Quite often the heavier rods and reels that are designed for use in the inland waters will also fit the bill when used for some inshore situations. We normally carry a couple of heavy weight bass casting type rods and reels and use them extensively when fishing for fluke, weakfish, blues and striped bass on the inshore grounds.

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Dear Doc,

I've read any number of times that it may be necessary to double anchor a boat to keep it on an intended spot. What I would like to know is, what is the proper way to double anchor? Let's use an area like Great South Bay. Do you let both anchors go at the bow or do you place one at the bow and one at the stern? My boat is a 19 foot Cruiser's cuddy cabin with cathedral hull. What would be best for this boat? Thank you and keep up the good writing. I really enjoy it.

Mike Saracco.

Dear Mike,

We normally double anchor when positioning the boat in a narrow channel where a single anchor was not capable of keeping the boat in the deeper water or stationary along the channel edge. We DO NOT use the double anchor system when fishing the ocean and DO NOT recommend its use to others who plan to probe ocean waters.

It is, however, a very effective system when fishing for flounder, weakfish, striped bass and even fluke in the rivers, sounds and bays, since it does allow a lot more fishable space for anglers by offering a wider area from which to drift or cast baits to fish that are feeding on the down side of the tide.

We position our anchors one at the bow and a second from the stern. As a rule, the bow anchor is set out on a longer rope than the stern anchor since it does get greater tension from winds and current. The stern anchor simply holds the boat in a crosswise position to the current, while the bow anchor gets a greater amount of battering from gusty winds that grab at the higher area of the knife-like bow.

You can tie off both anchors from the bow and this is the system used by many party and charter boat skippers who must put the boat directly over a sunken wreck, reef or other underwater structure. I don't feel it is as effective when used with a smaller boat, however.

To use the two anchor system from the bow position, you run past the spot you want to anchor over, drop one anchor to the right of the wreck at about 30 degrees and then back down so you can again move ahead past the wreck to the left where you will drop the second anchor. This still leaves the stern of the boat free to swing, but when fishing ocean waters you really do not want to be anchored in a crossing position because of waves, wakes from passing boats and/or the threat of being hit by a rogue groundswell which could easily fill the boat with water.

I would not, under any circumstances, use a bridle or a two anchoring system when fishing open ocean waters. It is a very dangerous technique and is best left to the professionals. A mistake can cost you dearly and may even cost you your life!

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Dear Doc,

I presently own an Olympic 300 LG-Vo saltwater spinning reel and have had several years of success with it. While servicing it, I have discovered that the main ball bearing needs replacement.

I attempted to buy the bearing at a local ball bearing supply house, but found they do not catalog such small bearings.

I was wondering if you could furnish me with the manufacturer's name and address for the above reel so I might contact them directly for parts. *Bob Parlow.*

Dear Bob,

I hate to be the bearer of bad news. Most times, people who receive bad news decide to shoot the messenger and I am not quite ready to meet my maker just yet.

However, the Olympic products are no longer being manufactured. Olympic marketed rods and reels throughout the U.S. and from what we can gather, were well accepted by the American fishing audience.

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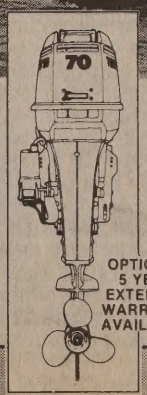

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Part One—The History

by William A. Muller

Editor's Note: This article is the first in a three-part series that will examine, explore, and unravel the striped bass saga of management on the East Coast. It has been prompted by the reaction of East Coast states to the Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission amendment calling for increasing size limits to 33 inches by 1987. In addition, the confusing actions of some states such as Massachusetts and New York, as well as handcuffed New Jersey have mitigated this series.

At one time striped bass management was either ignored or attacked on a state by state basis and few, if any, of us cared very much about approaches taken by other states. That all changed when the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) got into the act. At first, the coastal ASMFC effort to produce and implement a management plan for striped bass was a whisper, and there were elements who believed that nothing much would come of the effort. There were two main reasons for their beliefs. First was tradition. In the face of a long tradition of hands-off management efforts and the promulgation of mediocre measures, many interested folks simply believed that very little would change. The second reason for their apathy was that ASMFC could only recommend. Sure, there did exist the spectre of federal intervention, but few believed that would ever be a reality.

Then things began to snowball. More and more scientific data showed clearly that the East Coast population of striped bass was in deep trouble. There was federal legislation to protect stripers, and money for research and then the attempt to declare the species endangered. Whereas striped bass were formerly the concern of its harvesters, suddenly a spotlight fell on them from other sources including Washington, D.C., environmental groups and the consumer. People began thinking, "Maybe federal intervention isn't out of the question." Once that attitude began to register, states began to approach their need to implement striped bass conservation with new zeal!

After about five years, the ASMFC issued its management plan and states were urged to implement the plan within the scope of unique fisheries characteristic in their states. There is no need to reiterate those measures now since they have been replaced by more stringent measures. In summary, most states implement two size limits: a smaller one for rivers and estuaries, and 24 inches for the ocean. In addition, there were closed seasons and spawning area closures.

In 1985, the ASMFC issued an amendment indicating that East Coast stocks of bass (rock) were in such a depressed state that significantly higher reductions in fishing mortality would be necessary. The ASMFC indicated that each state would have to come up with a 55 percent reduction in mortality. In June of 1985, the states presented their plans to ASMFC. Several states did not meet the 55 percent reduction and this is where the confusion in recent announcements had its roots. Several states, including New York, were allowed to recalculate, and New York returned to the table with new data that included PCB closures. The ASMFC allowed the PCB closures to stand as part of New York's attempt to meet 55 percent fishing mortality reduction. This was wrong because it set the precedent for mixing health measures with management measures. Should PCB levels decline (and there is evidence that they will decline much more quickly than some experts now predict), then management efforts to reduce mortality will be left wanting.

It is essential that PCB contamination be immediately and permanently separated from the issue of management. Only in this way can we be sure that management measures will exist to control future population levels, and only this way will we be able to make proper decisions about key issues such as bag limits and limited harvest.

In June, 1986, the ASMFC added another amendment requiring the states to increase size limits, either in stages or immediately jumping to 33 inches, in order to conserve an estimated 95 percent of the 1982 year class (the only reasonably good year class in over a decade).

We might well profit from a state by state review of management approaches as of January, 1986. Understand some of these have changed since January and others are in process of revision. Also, some minor measures have been left out.

Maine: 24 inch fork length; recreational bag limit of 4 per day; no sale. Spear, hook and line only; 33 inches planned for Fall, 1986.

New Hampshire: 28 inches total length. Recreational bag limit of one per day over 30 inches; recreational bag limit of four per day under 30 inches. Hook and line only. No sale.

Massachusetts: 24 inches fork length. Recreational bag limit one per day. June 1 to Sept. 30, hook and line commercial season. PCB study planned.

Rhode Island: 24 inches total length. Recreational bag limit of 2 per day; sport, scuba, haul seine, fyke, trap nets only. Trap and gill net season—10/1 to 10/31. Season closure 12/31 to 3/1. Sale under license; as of 4/5/86 commercial PCB closure and one fish bag limit.

Connecticut: 24 inches fork length; no bag limit (keep all you want). Close season 12/15 to 4/15. Only out-of-state caught fish can be sold. PCB evaluation under way.

New York: 24 inches fork length; 18 Hudson River (closed due to PCB contamination). Bag limit for recreational harvest 2 per day. Closed season 12/1 to 5/8.

New Jersey: 24 inches total length. Recreational bag limit of 5 per day. Closed season 1/1 to 2/28; no netting. Sale of fish of 24 inches and over. Facing possible federal intervention.

Delaware: Total moratorium (possession)

Maryland: Total moratorium (possession)

Potomac River: Bi-state authority; 18 to 34 inch possession only. Recreational bag limit of 5 per day. No sale or possession 12/ to 5/31 (effectively closes fishery)

Virginia: 18 inches total length in bay; 24 to 40 inches in the ocean. Recreational bag limit of 2 per day or 5 percent, whichever is greater for fish under 18 inches in the bay and 2 fish per day for fish over 40 inches in the ocean. Closed season 12/1 to 5/31. Spawning reach closures in James, Pamaunky, Mattipony, Rapahonick and elsewhere tended drift nets only. Considering total moratorium.

North Carolina: 14 inches total length sound and bay; 24 inches total length in ocean. Recreational bag limit of 3 per day; no ocean harvest. Sale season 11/15 to 3/31. No sale of hook and line fish.

On May 6, 1986, in anticipation of the opening of the bass season on May 8, 1986, New York State DEC announced emergency 60-day measures to close the commercial fishery and prohibit the keeping of striped bass caught recreationally. This fact was misreported in the media to indicate a ban on both recreational and commercial fishing. Please note that in New York bass may still be caught on hook and line, but must be returned to the sea. The action in New York has implications for fishermen in other states because the reason for closure cited was PCB contamination. Thus, there now exists in New York no management measures for striped bass, only a health closure. If other states develop legitimate management plans to meet the ASMFC requirement, there is evidence that four or five years from now, in the absence of management measures in place, PCB levels may decline and the fisheries can be forced to reopen. This means that PCB-closed states will have a corner on the sale, and harvest market.

Statement of Fisherman Policy: This policy statement will be repeated after each article in this series for the convenience of the reader. The Fisherman recommends the following approach:

1. All states should have management plans in place to appropriately address the ASMFC fishing mortality reductions.

2. PCB closures should be considered only temporary health closures only, and not satisfactory management measures.

3. All states should implement a plan for achieving the 95 percent fishing mortality reduction on 1982 year class fish as quickly as possible.

4. A recreational bag limit of one fish per day meeting management criteria, should be permitted. (The reasons for this policy and data to support it will be presented in another article).

5. The Federal Government must intervene where and when a state or states drag their feet as a measure of fairness to users in other states, in order to comply with ASMFC management measures and to avoid dismembering the ASMFC implied authority.

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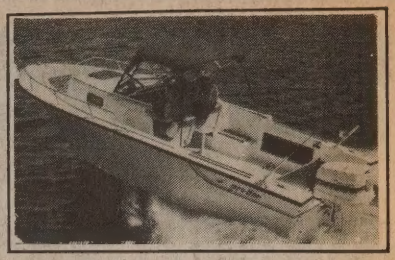
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REFINED WEAKFISHING

by Fred Golofaro

No longer the "easy picking" of past years, weakfishing now demands an angler to pay closer attention to detail.

No one needs to be knocked over the head to realize that weakfishing is no longer the "easy picking" it once was. That is unless you're still dreaming about those years of super abundance back in the early and mid seventies. A time when any happy-go-lucky angler could drag a rubber shrimp in their wake and return to the dock wtih an impressive catch of yellowfins—the tide and time of day be damned!

I remember all too well grabbing a couple of hours, jumping in the boat and putting away a couple or three dozen weaks with little fanfare. Back in those "good old days," I often released more weaks in a single trip than I land in an entire season now. Those of us who were lucky enough to share in those days of plenty, won't soon forget them. To those of you who entered the game too late to reap the harvest, I only wish you were there.

A generation of anglers were injected with weakfish fever during the seventies and it continues to burn despite the decline in abundance. Quality has replaced quantity as the prime motivation for those stricken with the current strain of what appears to be an incurable disease. And indeed, the odds have never been better to land that trophy tide-runner. So warped has our perspective become, that fish of ten and eleven pounds hardly raise an eyebrow. Most serious anglers in fact, don't consider a fish a real trophy until they top the 12 pound mark and a growing number of them won't rest until they come up with a teen-size fish.

While dumb luck practices may still produce an occasional tiderunner (I know many veteran fishermen who swear that the only way to catch a trophy weakfish, or striper for that matter, is to do everything "wrong"), the angler who takes a more conscientious approach towards weakfishing, will certainly be tilting the odds in their favor. Playing closer attention to details such as current, position of drift, presentation and tackle will make a difference over the course of a season. While the careless fishermen will have their moments, the more astute angler will always come out on top in the long run. That philosophy, by the way, can be applied to virtually all forms of fishing as well.

In its current state, weakfishing is often most productive in the early morning hours or after dark. This may not hold true for the first week or two of the spring run, but as waters warm, weaks will begin to feed more aggressively at night. Not so coincidently, these are obviously periods of reduced boat traffic, a plague which many believe has a considerable impact on the feeding activities of these game fish. While it may seem impossible at times, do your best to avoid heavily congested areas. You can often do better by moving away

The potential of landing a tiderunner weak such as this, continues to generate plenty of interest.

from the crowd and working lesser known spots. Present use of your recorder (you should have one) can be a big help in locating fish. Also, it's worth noting that some of the best scores made in both Peconic and Great South Bays over the past couple of seasons have been made by boatmen working night tides.

Pay attention to tides, or more accurately, currents. Weakfishing is governed by the direction and flow of water in and out of the bays. This is a critical factor, particularly if you're trying to catch a specific "tide" that has been recently productive. If, for example, you're looking to catch the last of the flood at West Channel in Great South Bay, you should be aware that the end of this incoming current is approximately three and one half hours after the high tide (rise and fall of a body of water) listed for the area. If you had planned your arrival according to the high tide time, you would be in for a mighty long wait.

Take advantage of any clue that might reveal the tide (current) that produced a recently reported good catch. If a fishing report reveals a catch of ten weaks made early in the morning on the previous Sunday, then check your tide tables to find the productive stage of the tide. Check and confirm any available reports to see if there's a pattern to the feeding activity and try to plan your trip accordingly. Weakfish will often feed most actively for an hour or two on the first half of a tide or an hour or two on the last part of a tide. It's not uncommon to "pick" fish through an entire tide nor to take them at the turn, but they will almost always do their heaviest feeding on a specific stage of the tide.

Keep your tackle light! Aside from the enjoyment provided by this tackle there are other advantages. Foremost is the ability to make a more natural presentation as a result of lighter lines. There is no need to go any heavier than 8 lb. test for this fishing provided your reel has a smooth running drag system. The finer diameter of 6 and 8 lb. line results in less water resistance. This will permit you to present smaller and lighter lures and baits and allow you to get them down in the strike zone. Keeping your presentation down on the bottom or within a couple of feet of it, is often the difference between hooking up with that trophy tide-runner or drawing a blank.

Be aware of the drifts of other boats that connect with fish. Try to simulate their drift and whenever possible, take note of ranges on the shoreline or nearby buoys so that you can make repeated drifts over the productive area. Always give the other guy plenty of breathing room and avoid racing over the fishing area when returning to begin another drift.

While these tactics should certainly improve your odds of connecting with weaks, there is no substitute for putting in your time. And you never know, it might just be dumb luck that puts that teen size trophy in the box.

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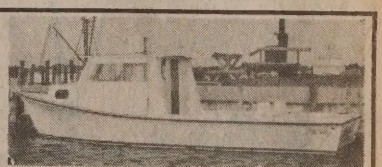

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THE SAN JOSE

by John Raguso

This cold winter night was like most others in mid-January along Atlantic City's desolate boardwalk. However, it was 1942 and the United States had been drawn into the inevitable global conflict with Japan and Germany, so that Coast Guard watch that patrolled the Jersey coast near Absecon Inlet that Saturday night, January 17th, had an added incentive to fulfill their duty.

A dim light to the southeast had caught the attention of one of the Coast Guard sentinels. Surely this was unusual, especially since coastwise shipping traffic was required to travel in a "blacked out" condition, using only minimal running lights for safety. The dark spectre of the German U-Boat threat began to overshadow the Jersey coast shipping lanes, especially with the torpedoing of the British tanker Coimbra the day before and the Panamanian tanker Norness the day before that off the neighboring Long Island shoreline.

The lookout squinted through his field glasses into the darkening night sky for more detail of the strange light on the horizon. Suddenly, he spotted a meteor flare, the signal of some unknown marine tragedy—then another and other in quick succession. He hurried to the wireless to alert the Coast Guard station. Almost simultaneously, the first S.O.S. was received by the RCA station at Tuckerton, New Jersey, which relayed the message to the Atlantic City USCG operator. Seconds later the crews to a pair of 35 foot patrol craft jumped into their gear while scurrying to their battle stations, and in moments were steaming out of Absecon Inlet at full throttle to investigate the flashing lights to the southeast, which had become even more intense.

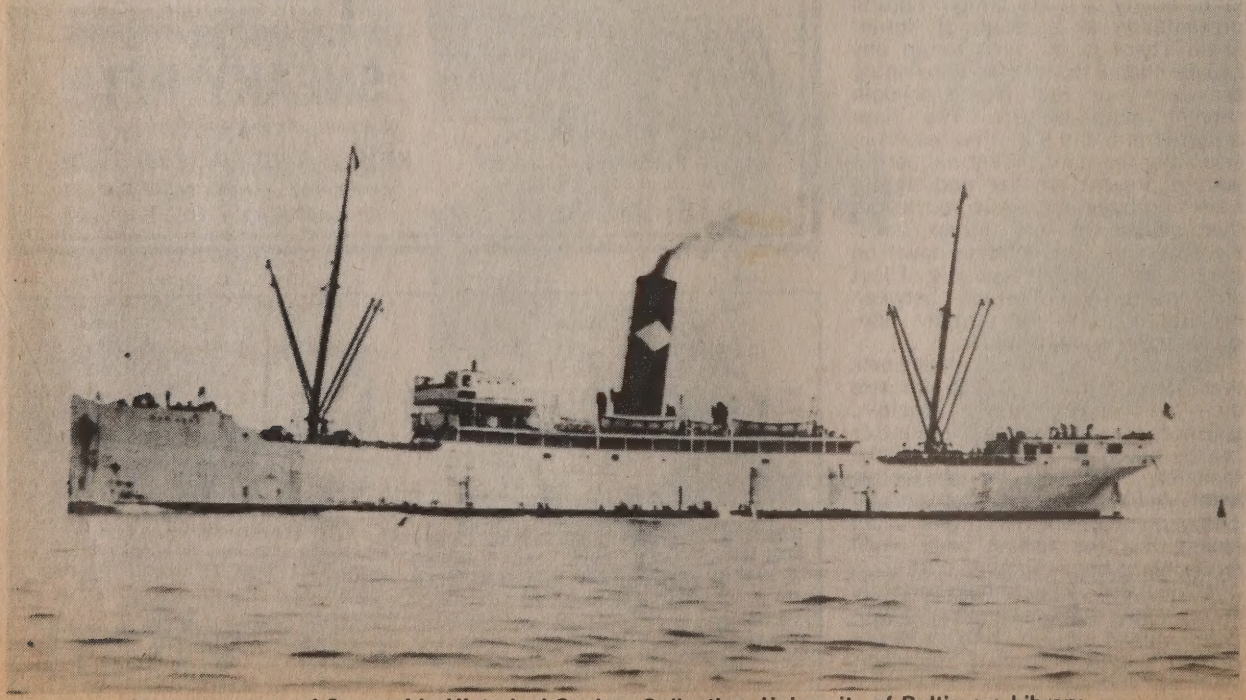
Coverage of the event picks up from a New York Times article, including an eyewitness account from the Coast Guard rescue party: "The collision took place at 8PM Saturday. Three flares, apparently set off from the Santa Elisa, which had collided with the United Fruit Line freighter San Jose, were seen by a Coast guard lookout on the boardwalk at Atlantic City. Two boats put out from the station there. John Eiseman, Machinist's Mate, was in command of one vessel and Boatswain William J. Sturgis of the other. Each had a crew of four men; the boats were 35 footers.

"Mr. Eiseman said the San Jose already had disappeared and the Santa Elisa, afire, was drifting, when his boat had arrived at the scene. There was a huge 20 foot hole in the port bow of the Santa Elisa, from the water line to the deck.

"The Coast Guardsman said the crew of the Santa Elisa was going calmly about the business of putting out the fire. A number of other vessels of fair size were standing by. These ships showed only running lights, but the Santa Elisa was fully lighted up, apparently to assist the fire fighters. The flames at that time were below deck, but they could be seen occasionally through the hole in the bow.

"Mr. Eiseman said he tried to shout to those aboard, but the roar of the ocean was so great that he could not be heard. He searched the waters for several hours, but found no seamen. Apparently they had already been picked up."

Of the San Jose's crew of 40, 18 survivors were picked up by the freighter Wellhart and 11 by the freighter Charles L. O'Connor; both ships discharging their unscheduled passengers at Beach Haven, New



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Jersey, later the next day. Six others of the San Jose's complement were rescued by the freighter A.L. Kent, which was part of the sizable relief flotilla that had responded to the mayday, and they were landed at Newport News, Virginia. Two unidentified merchant ships picked up the bulk of the Santa Elisa's crew, which was about 70 to 80 officers and seamen, as well as the remaining crew of the San Jose and landed 70 additional survivors at Norfolk, Virginia, two days after the collision.

One of those who landed in Newport News was Anton Aanosen, a seaman who was at the helm of the San Jose before she was struck by the 7,600 ton Grace Line freighter Santa Elisa. He described the marine casualty in a New York Times intervew as follows: "We were running blind. We immediately sent out an S.O.S. and manned the lifeboats. Most of the crew of 40 were asleep and came up on deck with few clothes on. The sea was choppy. We drifted for two hours before being picked up."

A number of the rescued crew of the San Jose had suffered from shock and exposure to the elements due to their unplanned contact with extreme air and sea temperature conditions in a less-than-optimum environment. Many of them laid over in Newport News and surprisingly, all survived. Considering the sudden impact of the collision, the disorientation of abandoning ship in total darkness and the choppy, freezing sea conditions, it was a miracle that no one perished in the accident.

A skeleton crew was kept aboard the Santa Elisa, as the fire fighters attempted to extinguish the internal fires that burned uncontrollably for over 16 hours. The hopes were that once the blaze was extinguished, a "bare bones" operating team could guide the Grace Line freighter to a safe port for repairs; but conversely if the tempest should take its toll, only a handful of crew would need to abandon ship, making the job that much easier. Fortunately, luck was with the Santa Elisa and she limped northward hugging the eastern edge of the Jersey coastline, heading for a rendezvous with the dry dock. She ended up aground off Bay Ridge flats, after she was taken there by some New York harbor tugs. Barrels of oil, which were part of her cargo, were removed from the hold to lighten her load and raise her water line, so that she could complete the final leg of her journey to the repair facilities.

Although the official United States Navy records state that the SS San Jose was sunk in a collision with the SS Santa Elisa off Atlantic City on the night of January 17, 1942, while en route alone from Puerto Barrios, Guatemala to New York with a cargo of coffee, German Navy records show differently. According to the log of the German submarine U-123, her commander, A Captain Hardegen, claims to have sunk the San Jose with a torpedo at 0704 EWT on January 17, 1942. That would put it at 7:04AM Eastern War Time the morning of the 17th as opposed to 8PM the night of the 17th as was related by the Coast Guard, the crews of the San Jose and Santa ELisa, and as reported in the New York Times. It seems as if inaccurate propaganda wasn't invented by the modern day Soviet politicians after all! In any event, it was documented that the U-123 did take a fatal toll of Allied shipping during her first tour of the States, sinking the Norness, the Coimbra and an additional half dozen vessels off of Virginia and Cape Hatteras before she returned back to the Fatherland for resupply.

From a fishing perspective, the S.S. San Jose's resting place just east of the 15 fathom curve, puts her in the middle of a popular migration route frequented by both inshore and offshore gamesters. She's just a short 14½ mile run ESE of Atlantic City's Absecon inlet, plus the San Jose sits less than three miles east of the famed Atlantic City Reef. If the A/C reef is ever splitting at the seams from heavy boat traffic, why not consider the San Jose as a first fallback option?

Blackfish, sea bass, hake, whiting and cod will frequent the San Jose's structure in season, as will hordes of marauding bluefish, bonito, false albacore, skipjack tuna and the occasional blue or mako shark looking for a quick bite to eat.

Before we get into next week's wreck, I'd like to mention something about an item that will come in handy to any fisherman who's serious about anchoring over an offshore wreck. A few weeks ago in my article entitled "Wreck Primer II," I showed a photo of the ground tackle I employed for anchoring. I've gotten a lot of phone calls and inquiries over the last few weeks as to where to get the circular anchor line tubs; so here's the course. Call Neil Garguilo of Chem-Tainer Industries of North Babylon, Long Island at (516) 661-8300. He sells "reject" circular baitwells of various sizes from $5 to $10, and these are the ticket to store 600 to 1000 foot lengths of 3/8 inch anchor line with minimum hassles. They're open from 9 to 5, Monday through Friday, and tell him you heard about it in The Fisherman.

Next week we're going to cover a topic that will complement the fine job that Russ Wilson did on New Jersey's artificial reefs a few weeks ago, specifically the whereabouts and makeup of Long Island's six south shore artificial reefs.

S.S. SAN JOSE
Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: January 17, 1942
Year Built: 1904 at Belfast, Northern Ireland
Length: 330 feet
Beam: 45 feet
Displacement: 3358 gross tons
Type of Vessel: freighter
Depth of Water: 100 feet
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Shark River Inlet	57.0	199°	019°
Manasquan Inlet	52.1	198°	018°
Barnegat Inlet	32.0	196°	016°
Little Egg Inlet	16.3	167°	347°
Absecon Inlet	14.1	134°	314°
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	18.5	111°	291°
Corson Inlet	23.1	096°	276°
Townsend Inlet	27.0	088°	268°
Hereford Inlet	32.0	080°	260°

MAKING THE MOST OF COCKTAIL HOUR

by John Fritz

May and June is prime time for surfmen to tangle with blues at south shore inlets.

A dozen or so years ago, throngs of eager worm fishermen would line the shores of certain south shore beaches, a welcoming committee patiently awaiting the first migrating stripers. The waning days of April were also a time when expectant plug casters plunged the depths of the channels leading to the sheltered bay flats, with soft rubber lures, in hopes of hooking a weakfish. Alas, these scenes occur with less regularity these days. If any effort is made to fish the surf during the early season it is directed towards a tasty but hardly combative opponent, particularly when fought on heavy surf fishing gear. By now though, most surf-casters have had their fill of flatfish, no matter how palatable they are when presented on a dinner plate, it is time for some real action.

Just about the time when the lack of results seems to make further effort futile, the waters surrounding Long Island are inundated with hordes of eager bluefish. Not the tackle busters which wrecked tackle and wearied hardy surfmen the past fall, more likely 3 to 5 pound fish, which might lack a bit in muscle, but certainly not in spirit. Their appearance, at the major ocean inlets, has been as early as May 6th; the middle of the month is a more reasonable time to expect their arrival. Possibly the severity of the preceding winter determines the date of their return, but one can be assured that they will be well entrenched before the Memorial Day weekend.

For the most part, their arrival will go unnoticed until a jelly worm, intended for a stray weakfish, returns half its size. In a few instances fortunate anglers will happen upon a scene reminiscent of the fall run at its best, spraying bait, screeching birds and the water's surface alive with breaking fish. At such times little skill is required to hook a fish, poppers, tins, swimmers will almost invariably produce a strike, but more often than not these early arrivals must be coaxed into hitting an artificial. Anglers patiently working the depths of the south shore inlets will frequently reap the greatest rewards. The 007, the Ava 17 or Diamond Feather's V-8 and J-2 all closely resemble the slender baitfish predominant at this early stage of the season.

A pair of casters leave the east jetty of Moriches Inlet after a heavy inning with blues.

Since the weight of these lures is two ounces or less heavy surf rods are not necessary. Lighter tackle will provide a greater measure of sport with these battling game fish. A 4 lb. blue, caught in a tidal rip, will test the mettle of any angler using lightweight tackle. Unfortunately, much of our inlet shores are bordered by erosion control material or littered with the remains of abandoned piers and bulk-heads. Rubble, rocks, pilings and so forth are the bane of light tackle enthusiasts but unobstructed sand beaches can be found at Democrat Point, the Cedar Bar, inside Jones Inlet at West End II to mention a few.

A region more suitable for the use of light tackle is the north shore of Long Island. True, there are many areas laced with troublesome rocks, but on a whole the overpowering currents of the ocean inlets and the tug of a receding breaker are missing. One-handed sticks and fly rods will allow these battlers the opportunity to strut their stuff, a virtue almost all saltwater fishermen are familiar with.

Start of action up north is most likely several days after the south shore, about the time surf fishermen seriously begin to pursue weakfish and striped bass. Generally these pursuits will not conflict: the bluefish favor daylight for feeding, while the other two game fish are more apt to be caught after dark. Of course, there are occasions when the bluefish reject custom and continue their feeding into the night, a time when they are

thought of as a nuisance.

Schools of these fish range extensively over much of the Sound's coastline, a trait the beach-bound angler is unable to copy for much of this shore is restricted to local residents. Certain areas seem to retain these free roaming fish more so than others. Concentrations of bait is more like the greatest attraction, often occurring where there is some type of water exchange between the open sea and land. The Nissequogue River is one fine example, but it need not be so obvious, the minor impoundment a few miles west, locally referred to as the Roundhouse, experiences an interchange of water during periods of high tide.

The vast majority of anglers in pursuit of these cocktail blues prefer to use artificials. In a few select areas, most notably on the oceanfront, a contingent of local anglers can be found fishing with cut bait. They are not averse to plugging, but they are interested in tangling with the larger bluefish which occasionally travel with their smaller brethren. Blues ranging in weight from 6 to 8 lbs. have provided steady action along the stretch of beach west of the Breezy Point jetty. In years past, a somewhat lesser run of similar fish took place in the rips swirling past the Sore Thumb in Fire Island Inlet. Teen-sized fish will on occasion make their presence known when a spiked rod suddenly assumes a posture more appropriate to a hemlock bent under the weight of a heavy snow. In no way does the level of this action approach the fabulous fishing associated with the autumn migration. A 15 pound chopper in spring is impressive, by October a fish this size hardly raises an eyebrow. Baits identical to those used in later months produce fish in June also, bunker and mackerel head the list of edibles preferred not only by bluefish but also striped bass. Whereas the latter quarry is more likely to be encountered after sunset, bluefish will accommodate daytime fishermen. Overcast days coupled with brisk onshore winds tend to intensify the action.

While the blue devils found along Long Island's south shore are apt to be lightweights anglers fishing the beaches adjacent to Great Kills Harbor in Staten Island are blessed with a greater percentage of larger fish. Massed schools of bunker, which show a partiality towards the region hold the game fish, blues and often huge weakfish, offering a unique method of surf fishing. Even though poppers, tins and swimming plugs have accounted for a fair share of fish better results are enjoyed by snagging fresh bunker. The wounded baits are re-hooked and flipped back into the water where their crippled efforts to gain freedom draw the attention of the opportunistic predator.

One of the more delightful aspects of fishing for cocktail blues is that such involved procedures are rarely necessary. The minimum of equipment, in many cases not even waders, just an assortment of tins and a popping plug or two, will suffice. Wire leaders, if the loss of a few lures would be a handicap, and a pair of pliers for hook removal, even the smaller fish can inflict a vicious bite, is all that is required. Whereas a bait fisherman should always rig his hooks with wire leaders, if he wants to land his fish, there is a measure of debate over the use of wire leaders when using artificials. Some maintain that a length of 60 or 80 pound test mono leader will guarantee the safety of most lures used to catch bluefish. Probably more lures are lost because of defective line, whether it be last season's washed out mono or fresh line weakened by nicks or frays. Bluefish tend to attack a lure from the rear, therefore they are usually snagged by the tail hook, several inches from the delicate line. Veteran bluefishermen are aware that this theory does not hold true in all cases; in addition there is always that jealous individual who desires that hunk of shiny metal hanging from another's jaw. Newcomers to the sport, with their limited reserve of lures, are better advised to use wire. If success is not forthcoming, while others around are routinely beaching fish, then the wire can be removed, for in some instances the visible leader can alarm the fish.

Even with such a willing quarry not all areas produce fish under identical sets of conditions. The ebb tide is instinctively sought by fishermen frequenting inlet areas, but I can recall several instances where these blues were unceremoniously hauled from the flooding rips off the Sore Thumb. When fishing bait, just west of Breezy, past records indicate the high water drop produced the best results. Then again, every once in awhile, the fish will keep you entertained through the night, hitting any offering with equal abandon on either tide. Unfortunately times like this are all too infrequent. In an effort to keep fishless trips to a minimum, it behooves an angler to learn the most opportune time to work his favorite beaches.

In many areas, not usually affected by a strong tidal flow, weather, winds and time of day will often trigger a feeding spree. Clouds, onshore winds and the rising or setting of the sun are looked upon as elements conducive to good fishing.

When everything falls into place the fishing can get hectic. It is a time to dig out all the old plugs and beat up tins. At such times the tendency to overload one's stringer is a weakness a person can easily succumb to. These cocktail blues are favored table fare, but once this need is satisfied the remainder should be returned to the water with as little harm as possible, not with a drop kick so often seen when fish are abundant. To modify a phrase I once read in a forgotten magazine, "One should take from our sport more than that which is measured by the heft of a stringer."

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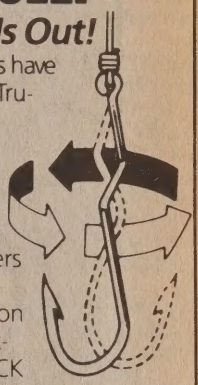

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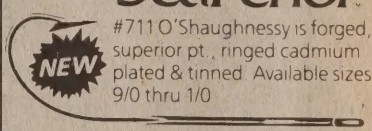

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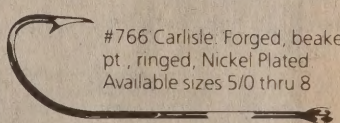

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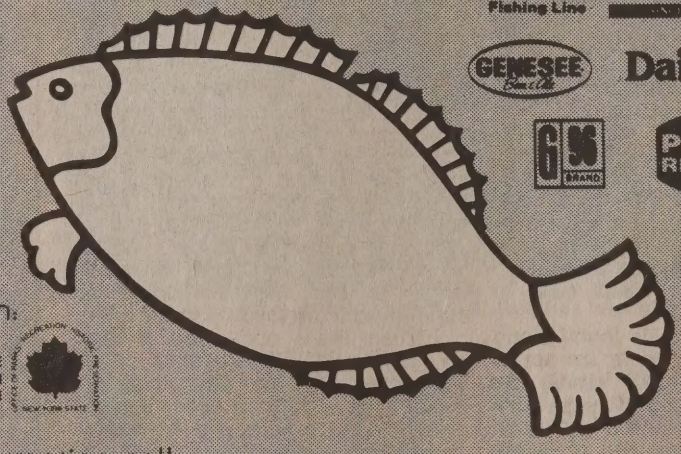

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Unlocking the Mystery of CANYON FISHING

by Capt. Len Belcaro

As an avid canyon fisherman, I've often wondered why one day at the edge of the Continental Shelf could be so good and then the same area a few days later might be nearly fishless. What was the reason? Was it bait? Water color? Weather?

While there are many factors that affect fishing success, one of the most vital factors for canyon fishing is the location of warm water eddies that shoot off from the main flow of the Gulf Stream. My company, Offshore Services, provides its subscribers with weekly updates of water temperature charts that clearly show the progress and changes in the position of eddies and temperature edges. When I compiled a summary of last season's canyon action from the Washington Canyon in the south to Hydrographers Canyon to the north, I was amazed at the tremendous influence of the eddies.

Without exception, the canyons reporting good to excellent fishing in any given week all had warm eddies projecting into these famous structure areas. Those canyon areas with slow fishing that same week, had no warm eddy in their immediate area, hence slow fishing.

To prove the tremendous influence that warm eddies have on tuna and marlin fishing, the following week by week summary gives a brief synopsis and chart of each week of the canyon season. I hope you find it enlightening.

Week of June 15, 1985: Because of a warm eddy (A), 68 to 73 degrees in surface temperature, 50 miles in diameter that sliced through the center of Block Canyon, the season started with a bang for the crew of the "Tiger Lily" out of Shinnecock, Long Island. With Adam Kibel at the helm, they fought and boated the first blue marlin taken north of Oregon Inlet, N.C. The fish weighed in at a respectable 745 lbs.

Bigeye tuna, wahoo and dolphin provided excitement for the fishermen working the fishtails in Block Canyon.

No other warm eddies or temperature change lines within reach of sport fishermen were plotted further south. The action was at a standstill in the Hudson and southern canyons.

Closer inshore Capt. Greg Beacher aboard "Dawn" kicked off the bluefin tuna run with a 590 lb. fish taken southeast of Block Island, Rhode Island.

Week of June 26, 1985: Warm eddy (A) that produced the excitement at Block Canyon the week before moved south off Block and remained 20 miles southeast of the Hudson Canyon. A warm Gulf Stream finger extended southwest offshore of the Washington Canyon and jutted toward the Norfolk Canyon area.

As the surface water cooled to 62 to 63 degrees, so did the fishing at Block Canyon.

Andy "Hot Potato II" Pollak ran south of Block Canyon till he found the northern edge of Warm Eddy (A) and 64 to 72 degree water. Here he scored with 6 yellowfin and fought and lost a white marlin.

Fishing between the Hudson and Wilmington Canyon was very slow with some spotty action in the area of the Poormans Canyon just south of the Baltimore.

A white marlin was caught at the Norfolk Canyon area and was the first white to be taken into Ocean City, Maryland. This fish won the crew of the "Double Dribble" a $1000 prize.

Week of July 1, 1985: During the latter part of the last week of June '85, Block Canyon sat between two warm eddies. There were no temperature change lines through the area and the fishing action was very slow with only a few small tuna taken.

A 7.5 degree temperature change line located at the Hudson Canyon gave us one of the best fishing weekends of the year. The "Wendy B," the "Sly Fox" and "Sea Lore" scored heavily with yellowfin to 100 lbs. and bigeye to 175 lbs. The "Edelweiss" boated the first blue marlin taken at the Hudson Canyon this year. The fish weighed in at 100 pounds.

Action was non-existent in the Toms, Berkley, Carteret and Wilmington Canyons.

From the Baltimore Canyon south to the Washington the sea temperature chart depicts an 8 degree temperature change line sitting offshore of the 100 fathom curve. This 8 degree temperature change gave us some great fishing.

The Baltimore Canyon produced a 63 lb. white marlin for the crew of the "Castaway." Several bigeye to 253 lbs. were also taken.

The action was fast and furious between Poormans and Washington Canyons. Two blue marlin were boated at the 500 fathom bank offshore of the Poormans Canyon. A 553 lb. fish taken by the "Due Course" and a 445 beauty boated by the crew of the "Enchange." Several other blues were hooked by other boats in the area but lost.

The "Miss Ene II" while fishing just south of the Washington Canyon brought to the boat 7 white marlin, releasing 6 fish to fight another day.

Week of July 8, 1985: The "Special K," the "Crestliner," the "Barbar Jack" and the "Jenny J" working west of Block Canyon in the vicinity of the northern edge of Eddy A scored with numerous yellowfin and bigeye to 175 lbs.

The 8 degree temperature change cooled to 3.5 degrees at the Hudson Canyon slowing the action down somewhat from the previous week.

Captain Greg Venturo aboard his "Sea Lore" boated four yellowfin to 100 lbs. The "Sea Lion" brought back to the dock two bigeye in the 150 lb. class and the "On the Brink" also returned with two bigeye to 200 lbs. Jim Hoey aboard his "Southbound" took home four bigeye to 203 lbs. working the flats on the east side of the canyon.

A 7.2 degree temperature change located near the Poormans Canyon gave anglers Frank Pettolina, Ray DeSimone and Bill Shuda some action during the latter part of the week.

The Norfolk Canyon broke wide open with four blue marlin being taken on July 3rd, two blues boated on the Fourth, and one fish taken on Friday, July 5th.

This fantastic action can be attributed to a warm finger of the Gulf Stream. This finger is depicted on the 7-8-85 sea surface temperature chart.

Week of July 15, 1985: There were no temperature change lines or warm eddies located in or near any canyons north of the Norfolk. The fishing was reportedly extremely slow throughout the area.

The fishing at the Norfolk Canyon because of the warm finger of Gulf Stream water jutting into this area, was absolutely fantastic. Four blue marlin and 23 white marlin were taken into Rudee Inlet during the week.

Week of July 22, 1985: During this week the fishing at Block to Toms Canyon was reportedly slow. There were some reports of small yellowfin

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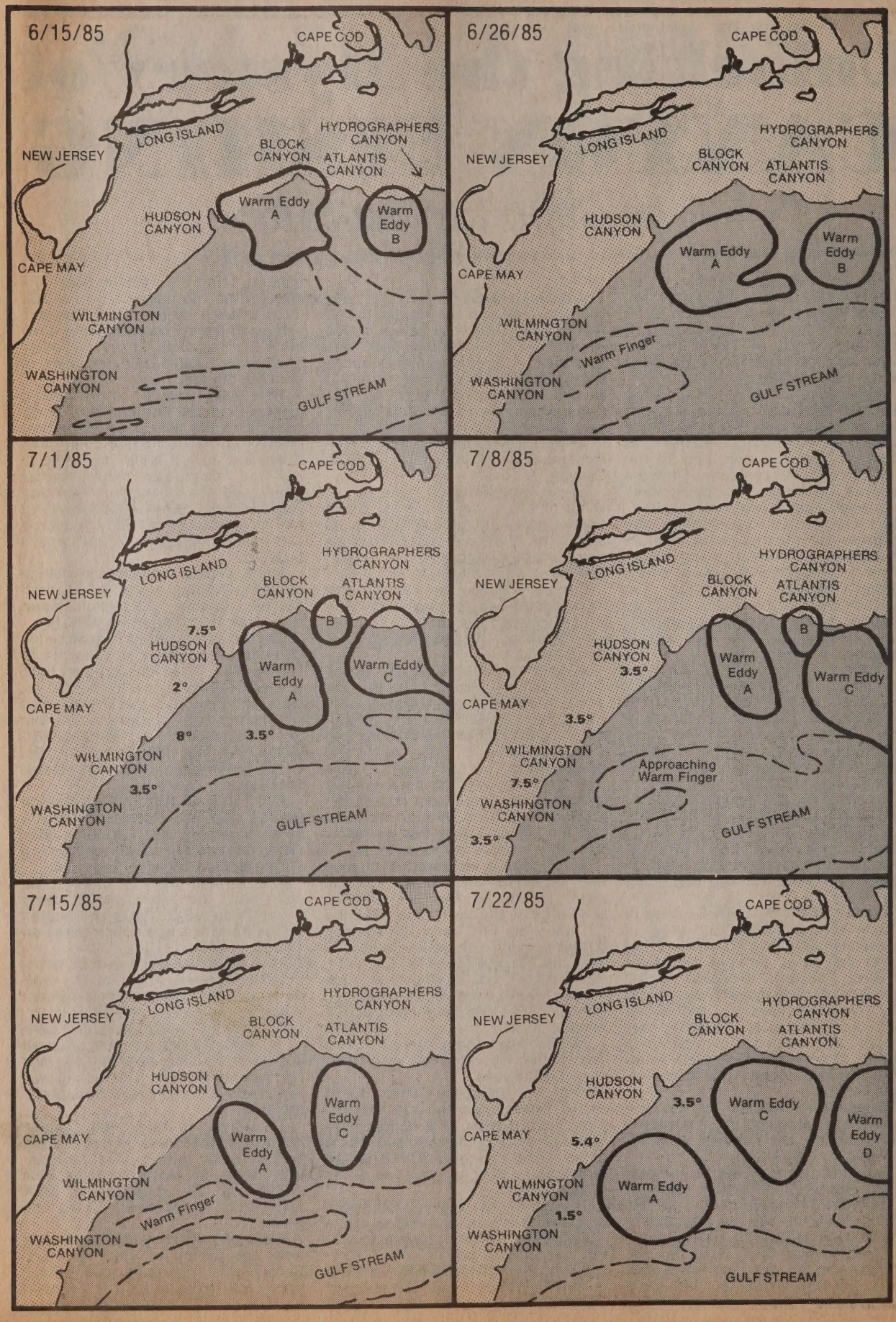
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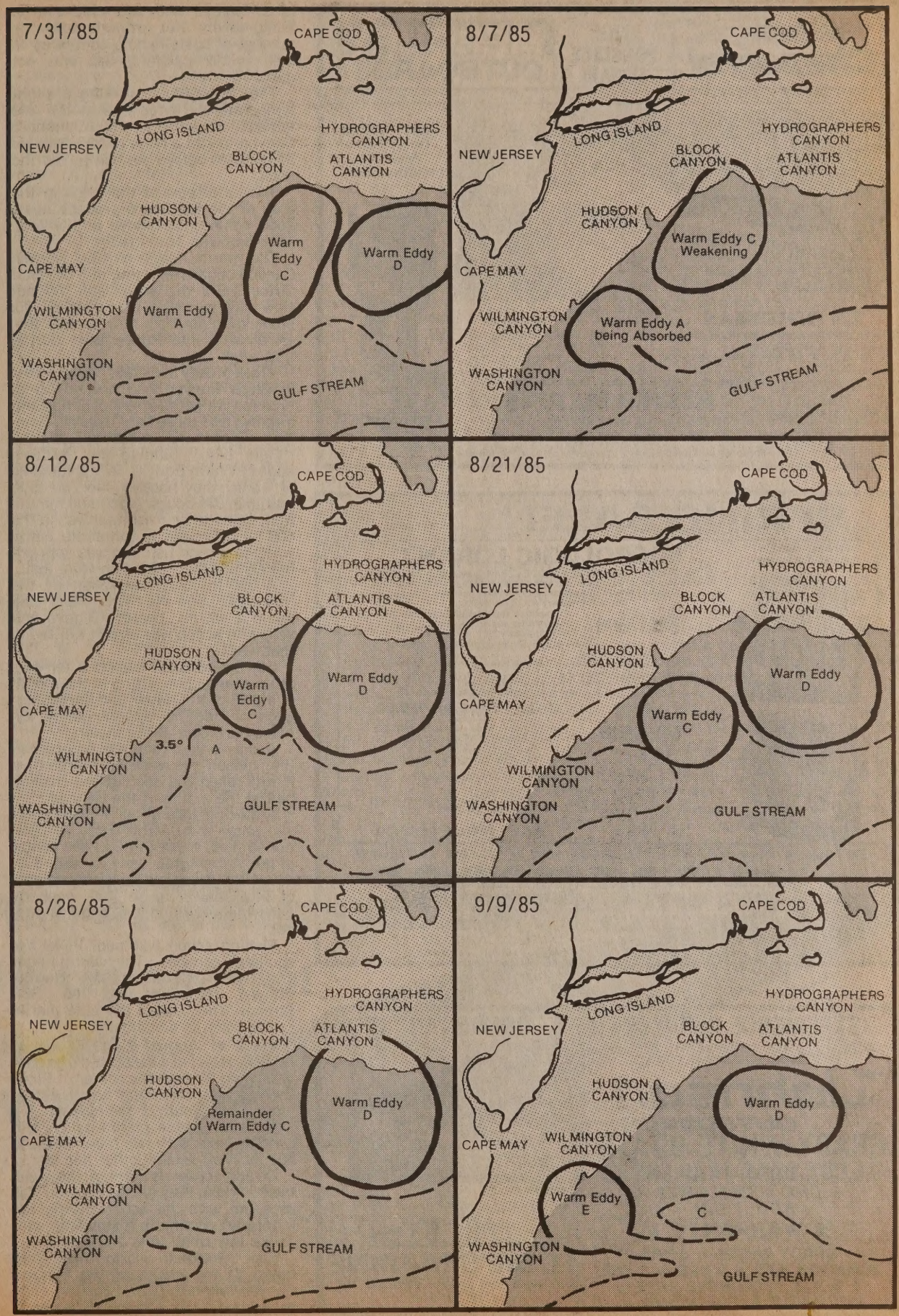
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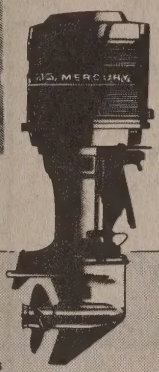

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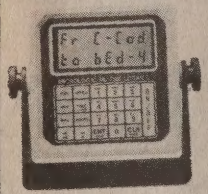

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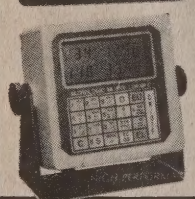

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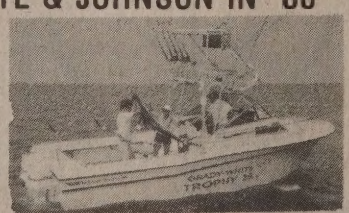

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tuna, bigeye and two blue marlin being taken. But proportionally the number of boats fishing compared to the number catching fish was not good.

The "Five Star" working a slight temperature change line at the 300 fathom curve off the Baltimore Canyon fought a huge blue marlin for 20 minutes before the fish pulled the hook.

The latter part of the week in the area of the Baltimore produce some good catches of bigeye and 4 or 5 hook-ups with blue marlin.

The warm finger off the Norfolk Canyon began retracting into the Gulf Stream. But the action still did not slow any with the blue marlin. Six blues ranging from 129 to 553 lbs. were taken into Rudee Inlet during that week.

Week of July 31, 1985: "Every boat in Block Canyon had hooked up to blue marlin with some boats hooking into two and three fish" reports Coleman Crowthers, mate aboard the "Tiger Lily." Finding the northern edge of Warm Eddy C, in 150 fathoms of water, they hooked into two blue marlin in 3½ hours. After a 60 minute fight with the first fish that was in the 600 lb. class and a 40 minute battle with the second fish that was approximately 300 lbs., both fish were lost.

A 359 lb. blue was taken by the "Jenny C" and the "Gray Fox" took home a 469 lb. beauty. Bigeye and yellowfin action was also in full swing that week.

Our 8-5-85 chart depicts a temperature change line sitting at the mouth of the Hudson Canyon and the eastern edge of Eddy C approximately ten miles northeast of the mouth.

A slow pick of tuna was reported at the Hudson this week with three blue marlin taken and one sighted chasing bait at the mouth of the canyon.

A quick glance at our 7-31-85 chart will show that Warm Eddy A positioned itself right through the center of the Wilmington Canyon. 488, 300, 400, 155, 561, are some of the weights of blue marlin taken that week by fishermen working the edge of that eddy.

Fishing action was poor in all the southern canyons. The warm finger that was located at the Norfolk Canyon retracted into the Gulf Stream. This caused the blue marlin run to come to a standstill.

Week of August 7, 1985: Warm Eddy C began to weaken and elongate stretching through the center of Block Canyon and extending southwest to just off the mouth of the Hudson.

Reports of blue marlin action still good at Block with two blues taken to 465 lbs. and several other fish lost.

During the early part of the week the fishing at the Hudson Canyon was excellent with the action during the latter part coming to a standstill with only a few small tuna being taken.

Rick "Rookaat" Norton fishing 15 miles off the mouth of the Hudson Canyon found the northwestern edge of Eddy C and the warm water it

contained. His long ride was rewarded with a hook-up and release of a blue marlin in the 300 lb. class.

At this time Warm Eddy A was weakening and being absorbed by the Gulf Stream but still supplied fishermen with plenty of white and blue marlin action at the Wilmington Canyon area.

In the canyons further south the action was at a standstill.

Week of August 12, 1985: With the departure of all warm eddies and temperature change lines, the fishing slowed considerably at Block and the Hudson Canyon areas.

The Wilmington Canyon with a 3.5 degree temperature change and Warm Eddy A offshore being absorbed by the Gulf Stream still gave anglers plenty of action with blue and white marlin.

Steve "Thunnus" Bent, working the Wilmington Canyon, raised four white marlin hooking into one fish.

Charles "Try Again" Eckels fought a 16 hour battle with a giant blue marlin at the Wilmington, until the 80 lb. mono parted and the fish was lost. The estimated size of this fish according to the crew of the "Naughty Girl" who fought the fish for the last 6 hours was approximately 17 feet overall.

Bill "Lith O Craft" Shuda working the 500 fathom bank off the Baltimore Canyon raised two white and one blue marlin.

Fishing action further south was still at a standstill with boats reporting back dirty water and no fish.

Week of August 21, 1985: The fishing scene remained very slow at the Hudson and Block Canyon areas during this week.

A Belmar charter captain returned with 21 yellowfin tuna from the Hudson Canyon. The fish were reportedly taken while chumming and chunking butterfish at night.

Just one glance at our 8-21-85 sea surface temperature chart issued to our subscribers will tell you where the action was located on the shelf.

Sal "5 Star" Sorace working the 1000 fathom curve off the mouth of the Wilmington Canyon raised seven white marlin in two days of fishing. The "Karen Ann" also working this area found 82 degree water and plenty of action with the white marlin.

Dennis "Magic" Kennedy also fished the 1000 fathom curve off the Wilmington Canyon during the latter part of the week. He reported excellent action raising three whites and releasing one.

Tom "Lazy Bones" Brodessor ran to the 200 fathom curve off the Poormans Canyon during the latter park of the week. Finding the edge of the Gulf Stream, Tom fought and lost a big blue marlin.

Further south the green algae bloom was devasting the fishing to and including the Norfolk Canyon.

Week of August 26, 1985: Warm Eddy D at Atlantis Canyon and a 3.5 degree temperature change at Hydrographers Canyon provided longliners with excellent conditions. At the time there were 16 longline fishing boats working these far off canyons. Two of these vessels returned into Montauk Pt. with 79 bigeye tuna.

The weather was not conducive to canyon fishing at Block Canyon over the weekend with only a few boats making the long trip.

The Hudson Canyon still suffered from the green algae bloom that was destroying the fishing. The latter part of the week the water began cleaning up and cooling down. This improved the fishing somewhat but still left a lot to be desired.

Jim "Southbound" Hoey and Dick Weber aboard his "South Jersey Champion" found what remained of Warm Eddy C at the 1000 fathom curve off the Spencer Canyon. Dick and Jim raised a total of 14 white marlin and had plenty of action throughout the area.

After several days of fishing during the Harrahs "Fish for Life" Tournament last week, everyone decided to relax for a few days. Only a few boats ventured offshore to the canyons this week.

Jim "Our Pal" Krajeck fished the 1000 fathom curve off the Poormans Canyon during mid week. Finding that warm finger protruding out from the stream, Jim raised 11 white marlin, boating and releasing four fish.

The Gulf Stream and a slight temperature change was located in the vicinity of the Norfolk Canyon. The blue marlin action picked up with several blues taken into Rudee Inlet to 700 lbs.

Week of September 9, 1985: With Warm Eddy D making a westward move toward Block Canyon, the reports of blue and white marlin being fought were on the increase. "Sea Hunter" raised 5 blues but could not get them to take a lure. The "Tenderfoot" fought a large blue marlin in the 600 lb. class for 40 minutes before the line parted. "Libra II" released two white marlin and "Sea Wolf" had a big blue up in his wake.

The boats chumming and chunking butterfish at the Hudson Canyon were doing a fine job with the yellowfin tuna. Fish ranging to 110 lbs. with the majority of the catch at 75 lbs. and were taken mainly at night.

The green algae bloom that plagued the northern canyons extended southward. Reports of green dirty water were received from the Wilmington to the Norfolk Canyon areas.

Editor's Note: For more information about the Canyon temperature and fishing reports, write to Captain Len Belcaro, Offshore Services, PO Box 866, Pt. Pleasant, NJ 08742. The reports cover from the Norfolk to Block Canyons; the temperature information covers from Norfolk to Hydrographers Canyon.

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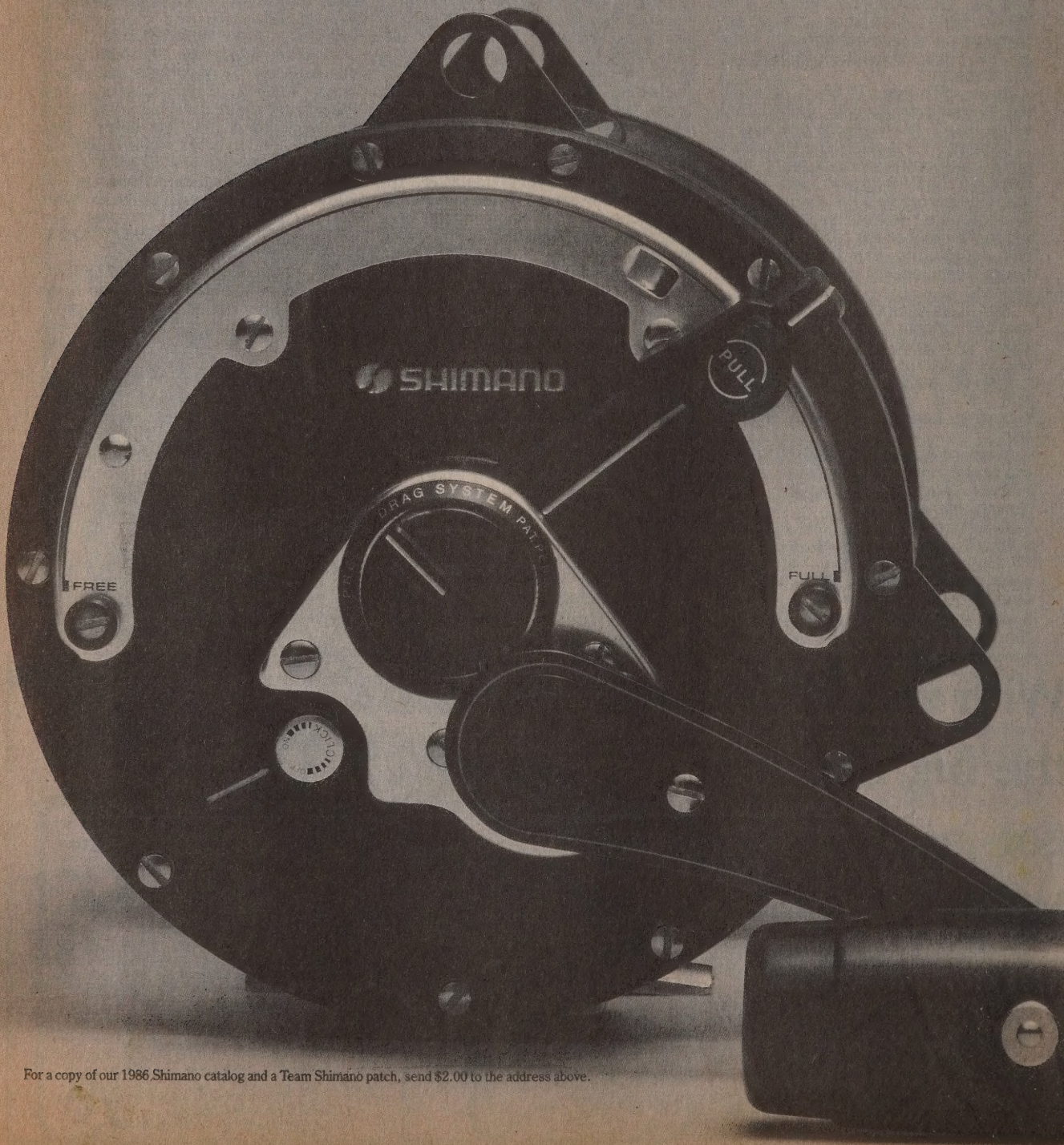

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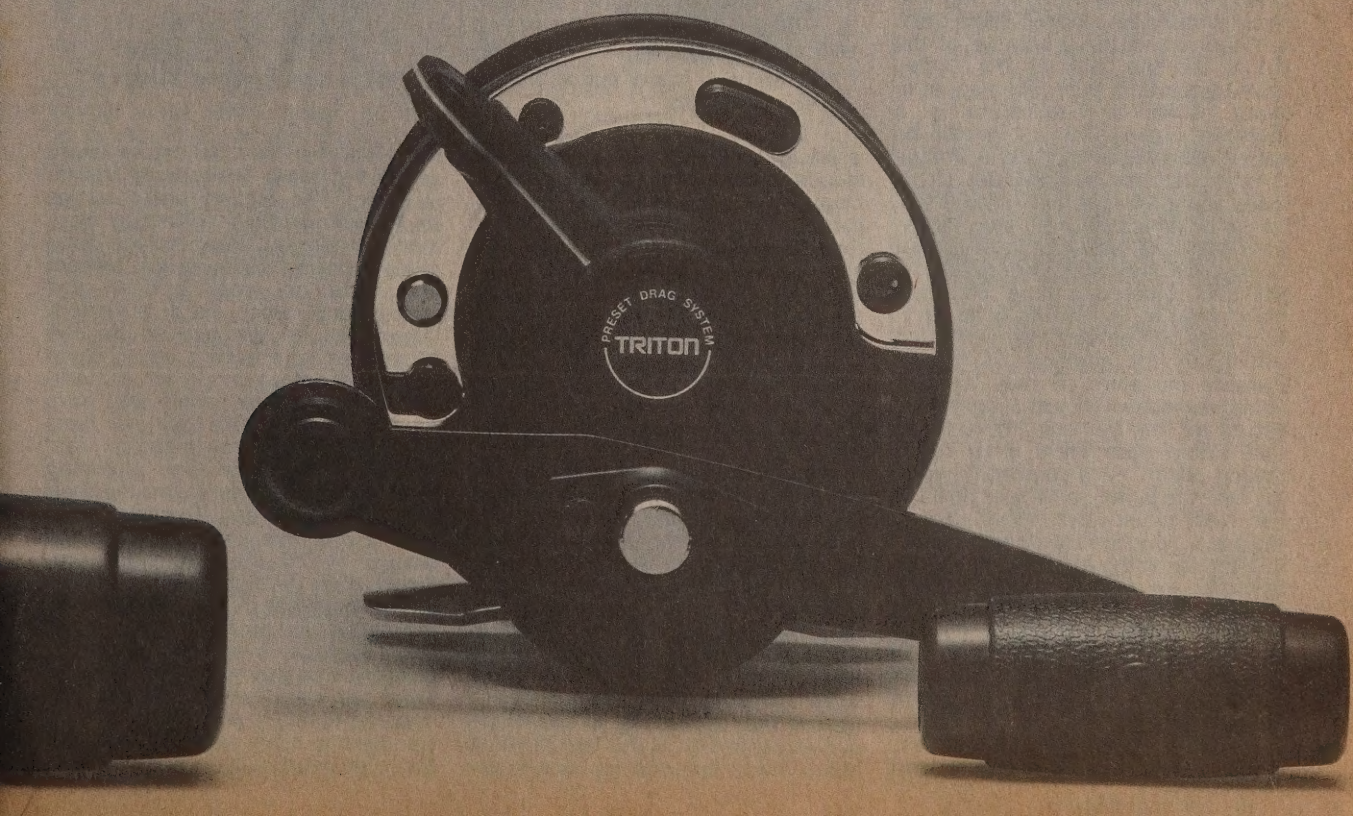


★★★ JAMAICA BAY ★★★

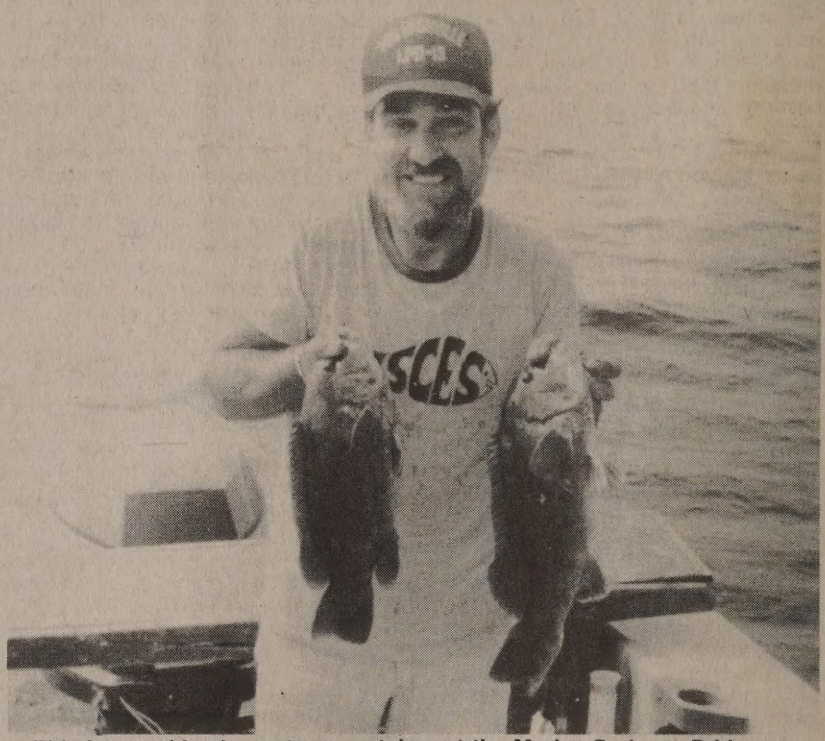
ZERO IN ON BLACKS

by Jerry Rahn

The tautog, more commonly known to us as the hard fighting blackfish, is a seasonal species that enter the shallow waters of Jamaica Bay twice a year to take up residence. When water temperatures reach 50 to 55 degrees (usually in May), the blackfish start biting in numbers. As the bay becomes warmer with the summer sun, the fish pack up and move off into deeper, colder water. But as the temperature decreases again in the fall, the blackfish come back to inhabit the same bottom structures they did in the spring. I personally call the blackfish "The Pumper" because of the pumping action they exert when hooked. They fight with such power that pound for pound, the blackfish should fall into the same category as the bluefish.

Tautog are a schooling fish that group up over any bottom structure that has enough food to keep them there. Jamaica Bay blackfish range in size from approximately a pound to 5 or 6 pounds, with some larger fish caught around the bridges. Blackfish do get very large and fall into the category of heavy hitters, with the record around 22 pounds. Eddie Dols, a friend who is the proprietor of the native sea life tank at the Coney Island Aquarium, once told me that in every school of fish there is a dominant male. This male can be easily identified by the rust or orange colored patches on its sides. This male, and the larger fish in the school let the smaller fish eat more readily, then they will eat. Eddie says that when this dominant male is caught he should be released as there could be a big change in the fishing if he isn't. This may be true and may work; 'im willing to try anything if it will increase my score. It may be hard telling someone who just caught a big fish to let him go, but I have found that Eddie does know what he is talking about. He's constantly working near the tanks, so he sees how the fish react underwater. What do you say folks, why don't we give it a try. When I was at the Aquarium the other day with my fishing partners, Tom Hastings and Pete Mikoleski, Eddie showed us what he meant by the eating habits of the larger fish. He was right; the big fish lurked near the bottom letting the youths eat, then they joined in.

Blackfish are strictly a bottom fish, living in and out of structure and wreckage. When I was in college, I studed marine biology and we had many tanks set up with local species i them. The most interesting was the tautog. I was amazed at the way they stay in and around the bottom. When blackfish are small (an inch to about six inches) they are almost the same color green as seaweed; that's their built-in protection. The small fish hide inside big pieces of seaweed, coming out only to eat. This trait stays with the fish as they grow. The blackfish would swim around the rocks and wrecks in the tanks and dart in and out of the crevices in search of food. Some of the spots the fish would swim into, they had to turn completely horizontal to fit in. Sometimes I saw them burrow out sand so they could fit into tiny openings under a rock. These are indeed tricky fish we are trying to capture and the type of bottom they frequent only makes catching them more difficult. The only times I noticed the fish coming off the wreck was to eat and to find a new place to hide. This is the time we have to get him. Blackfish and bottom structure go hand in hand. The types of bottom structure I'm talking about varies totally from a rocky bottom to man-made wreckage. These include wood pilings, mussel beds, jetties, cement abutments on local bridges and almost any other hard structure. What may be garbage to us and sometimes gets thrown away, could become a deluxe condo for a blackfish. I know a few people who have gone as far as to make their own reefs by taking old refrigerators and cabinets with them and dumping them in a private place, making their own type of bottom structure. Then after giving this place two years to develop marine life, these spots produced some of the nicest blackfish I've seen caught in Jamaica Bay. I'm not telling you to start dumping all your garbage overboard; I'm just giving you an example of the types of areas the blackfish will live in. The important thing to remember is that if you want to catch tautog in Jamaica Bay, you must fish near or over an



This brace of husky tautog was taken at the Marine Parkway Bridge on green crab baits.

area in which the fish will be able to hide.

Since we now have a general knowledge about the fish, let's get into tackle. The fish in Jamaica Bay aren't record contenders, but you can get some pretty nice size "pumpers." I use conventional equipment consisting of a 5 to 6 foot boat rod. The rod depends on your own preference but should be able to set the hook and get the fish out of the wreck. My rod has a tapered tip with a lot of backbone. The backbone is important for too little, and the fish will beat you into the wreck. The reel that I use and recommend is a Penn 930 but I've also used a Penn Squidder. These reels are both spooled with 20 lb. test Ande monofilament. I use these reels because of the fast retrieve. I've found that when blackfishing the faster the retrieve of the reel the better off you are. The whole idea of the stiff rod and quick retrieve reel is that it will improve the number of fish boated.

As far as hooks and sinkers are concerned, bring plenty of them. When you go blackfishing in Jamaica Bay, there is no such thing as too much tackle. You can be sure you'll use most of what you bring. The area that you fish will be covered with obstructions and many rigs will be snapped off. Sinker weight will be based on the current you will be fishing in, and the type of rod used. I don't use anything heavier than 5 oz. to hold bottom. The hooks will range from #5 to #7 Virginias and the sharper, the better.

To tie the rig is very simple. Take the tag end, make a simple loop knot and slide the loop through the eye of the sinker. Drop the sinker in the loop and pull tight. Then measure up about 4 to 5 inches and make another loop knot. Now take two tandem tied hooks and tie them in the same fashion as the sinker. Make sure the hooks and sinker are tight and you are ready to go.

The baits used for tautog are put in two groups: soft and hard. Both baits work well, but I prefer the hard myself as I know every time I go for blacks, the area will contain some bergalls. The soft baits I use are clams, sandworms and grass shrimp. All are prime baits, but one hit from a pesty bergall and the bait is gone. The first type of hard bait is the fiddler crab. With them, the males have one large claw you must break off. After the claw has been removed, take the crab and push the hook into the underbody around the center and make sure the barb of the hook just comes out of the surface of the top shell. This will attract any hungry blackfish in the area. The second type of crab to use is the green crab, which is more productive if you're looking to land that big fish. The green crab stays on the hook longer. Take the crab and break off all his legs. Then turn him over and cut him in half. Picking up one half, peel the top part of the shell off. Now take the hook and push it into the meaty area and through one of the holes where the legs were. The hard baits stay on the hook longer so your chances of catching are increased.

As for technique, I always keep my rod in my hand and never leave it as a dead stick. To successfully catch fish you must have the line taut and the rod tip pointing down towards the water. By doing this you have more of an angle when trying to set the hook. Don't give him any slack, because he'll just pull you into the wreck and you will lose your rig and the fish.

Tautog will hit once, when he grabs the bait with his front teeth, but don't jump the gun. All he is doing is holding the bait. He will move it to his rear grinding teeth and you will feel a strong tug. That tug is the signal to stick him. When you hit him, do it hard and fast. Remember we have two factors to contend with, one being his thick lips and two, getting him away from the wreck. The first hard pull gives us the upper hand in controlling the fish.

Here are some of the spots that year after year are very productive in Jamaica Bay. If you have a boat it will help because you can get to try more than one spot in a day. My fishing partner, Tom Hastings and myself, do a lot of our blackfishing around the bridges, preferably on high tide. Jamaica Bay offers you four bridges to choose from and all produce fish. They are the Marine Parkway Bridge (Bklyn & Queens Towers), North and South Channel (wood pilings) and the railroad bridge going back to the Silver Hole Marsh. These four spots are very good but keep in mind you must fish near or over bottom structure. The bigger fish are right next to or inside the wood pilings, so we try to get as close as possible. Some people will tie right against the wood and drift back to it, then we take a piece of rope about 10 feet long and tie it to the wood, pull ourselves forward about four feet and tie the rope to the cleat. This second rope will keep us from swinging side to side.

Another good spot in on the Brooklyn side of the Marine Parkway Bridge near the loading ramp at Floyd Bennett Field. Go about 30 feet down from the ramp near to the point where the bulkhead bends. Come out about 20 to 25 feet (must fish at high tide) and fish between 10 to 20 feet of water. It's a rocky bottom with a lot of mussel beds. What I suggest if you don't have a depth finder is get in the general area and drift till you get stuck or get a hit and then anchor. A spot an old-timer told us about is again by the Floyd Bennett Field on the open side where the helicopter base is. It's an old cement type pier and the fishing is good. We set up as if fishing the bridge and we have caught some good size fish with a few sea bass mixed in here.

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PORTRAIT OF A WHITING

by Matt Ahern

Yes, I know that most sinker bouncers associate whiting with cold weather, and yet some of the best whiting fishing I have ever enjoyed was during the months of May and June.

Often abounding in teeming numbers, whiting (or silver hake, if you will) are one of the easiest of fish to catch; a fact alone which endears it to many fishermen. Actually, I don't know which is the more willing biter: whiting or ling, and when these two fish are found on the same grounds, which they often are, fishermen are assured of full buckets.

All of which leads me to say that I have never met a sinker bouncer who failed to enjoy whiting fishing whenever the opportunity presented itself.

The whiting has other good things going for it, too. It is easily prepared for the pan; its firm, white flesh makes it one of the tastiest of seafoods. (And here we're not talking of those frozen lumps purchased at the supermarket.) It is easy to clean, easy to scale and when the center bone is removed, which is no problem at all, the carcass is nearly boneless. And what fisherman can refuse a smoked whiting? Ambrosia to the nth degree!

Now, with all these good things going for it, let's look a bit into what makes this fish tick.

The whiting is a relative of the cod, just as much so as the red hake (ling), the white hake, the haddock, the pollock and the diminutive tom cod. However, Nature has deemed it necessary to place whiting in a class by itself.

It is a handsome fish—there's no question about that. In fact, "winter weakfish" was the name many oldtimers used for description. Throughout the Chesapeake Bay area, one may still hear the name "winter trout" used in reference to this Handsome Harry. (I know some fishermen will dispute me on this, but you know, beauty is in the eye of the beholder.)

As with all fish, successful spawning depends on exact water temperature. This is the trigger needed to start the reproductive cycle. Because the whiting is so widespread in the northern areas of the western Atlantic, its egg-laying season is protracted and occurs any time from June to October.

Spawning begins when water temperatures first approach 55 to 60 degrees. In our area, this is June. Whiting residing farther north, in the Gulf of Maine for example, must wait until late summer or early fall. Hence, the prolonged season.

Fortunately for us fishermen, whiting are prolific—which is readly believed by sinker bouncers who often fill sacks to overflowing on good days. Because of this, whiting are extremely important to commercial fishermen. To meet heavy demand, tons are quick-frozen and shipped to the Mid and Far West. The entrails, heads, etc., are used in the preparation of pet food. Owners of mink ranches through the county purchase 50/100 pound blocks of frozen whiting to feed their charges. This annual commercial catch fluctuates, but it is usually about 35,000,000 pounds. What the departed, greedy foreign fleet took each year is anybody's guess.

Spawning is accomplished in depths ranging from 300 to 1800 feet—which is thought to be a much greater depth than that used by other hakes. The eggs are buoyant and upon reaching the surface (probably for the effect of the sun's rays), they are about 1/25 of an inch in diameter.

Incubation is rapid (48 hours), and when hatched the infants are approximately 1/12 of an inch long. When a length of 3/4 of an inch is attained, the adult characteristics are readily apparent. The young fish are pelagic, that is, they live on the surface. Here they feed heavily (and greedily) on plankton, reaching a length of 1 to 1½ inches by autumn; they then take to the bottom, joining millions of their brethren.

As noted, the whiting is indeed a handsome fish. Its body is elongated and compressed. Its head is long, low and flattened above, with rather prominent hard ridges. Its snout is moderately broad. And as any whiting fisherman will admit, the mouth is large and armed with many sharp, recurving teeth. These are usually in two or three irregular bands. The vomer (the bony plate in the roof of the mouth) also contains teeth. The whiting is a predator without question and once those teeth fasten in some luckless bit of prey, the chances of escape are few indeed.

The lateral line, the line running along the sides and length of the fish, is distinct. The scales, though not large, are bigger than those of other members of the cod family. They also do not lie flush against the body as one would expect, but jut out at an angle. This type of scale is called deciduous and is not commonly found on fish that live in our waters.

The two dorsal fins are well separated and follow the pattern of the cod family by having no spines. The outstanding characteristics about the second dorsal fin is that it has longer rays near the fore and after

portions, giving a sort of scalloped effect. The tail of the adult whiting is strong and slightly notched. In the young, the tail is nearly straight. The anal fin is similar to the second dorsal and is placed exactly opposite. The ventral fins are also well-developed; the pectorals, narrow.

While whiting are considered hakes, they are distinguished from true hakes by having well-developed ventrals, as noted. These take the place of the thread-like feelers found in much slower swimming relatives, the ling for example. Whiting also lack a chin barbel.

As you can see, Nature has done an excellent job on the silver hake, for all this streamlining provides the high speed required to capture its prey.

Food consists of any and all fish of suitable size, regardless of species. Squid and occasional crab also make up part of its diet. I suppose one might say whiting are highly destructive to other fish, but no harm seems to come of it because without question this is all part of Nature's master plan to help ensure the tender balance without which all life would cease to exist. Surely, natural predators such as whiting and the like have never done the damage to our fishery as did those foreign fleets.

Whiting are abundant (most times) from the maritime provinces to northern New Jersey. They are also found far offshore and as far south as the Bahama Islands, but then only in the deepest water there—which can be as much as 2000 feet. Whiting seem quite able to adjust to depth, for off Long Island and New Jersey they are caught from the shoreline to 1800 feet; this latter depth by commercial fishermen, of course.

Most party boat fishing is done from depths between 60 and 100 feet. Occasionally, this will be deeper still, particularly around the Mud Hole. But in late May and early June, whiting are often caught in the 40 foot depths. On cold winter nights when everything is still, they will often raid the shoreline in their never-ending search for sand eels and other forage fish. As kids, years ago we used to roam the beaches on an incoming tide and pick up those whiting stranded too far up on the sand by receding waves. Gosh—those nights were cold! But it meant little to us if conditions were right. If they weren't—well you know what they say about fishermen: wet fannies and hungry guts. Although in this case it was more like frozen fannies. Yes, conditions have to be right for this kind of fishing. At daybreak, the fish leave for deeper water.

While whiting has been caught commercially to eight pounds, most taken by sport fishermen are between 1/2 and 1½ lbs. The average length is 14 to 18 inches. Fish over four pounds are rare. I caught only one of this weight in over 60 years whiting fishing. So if you hear of five pounders, ask to see them first before believing.

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(2) **CAN** A FISH DROWN?
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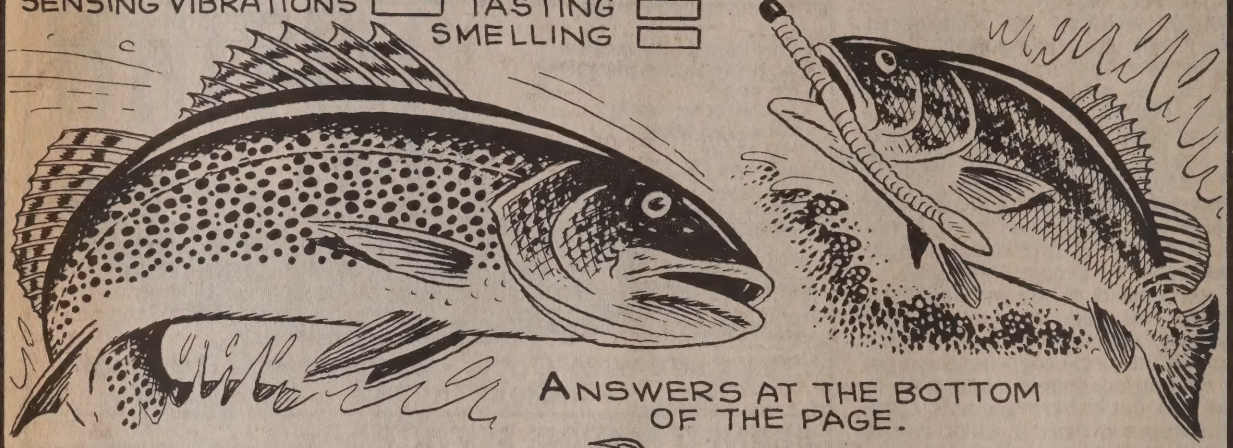

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(3) **PLUGS** ARE POOR CHOICES FOR TROLLING BECAUSE THEY CAN CAUSE LINE TWIST.
TRUE ☐
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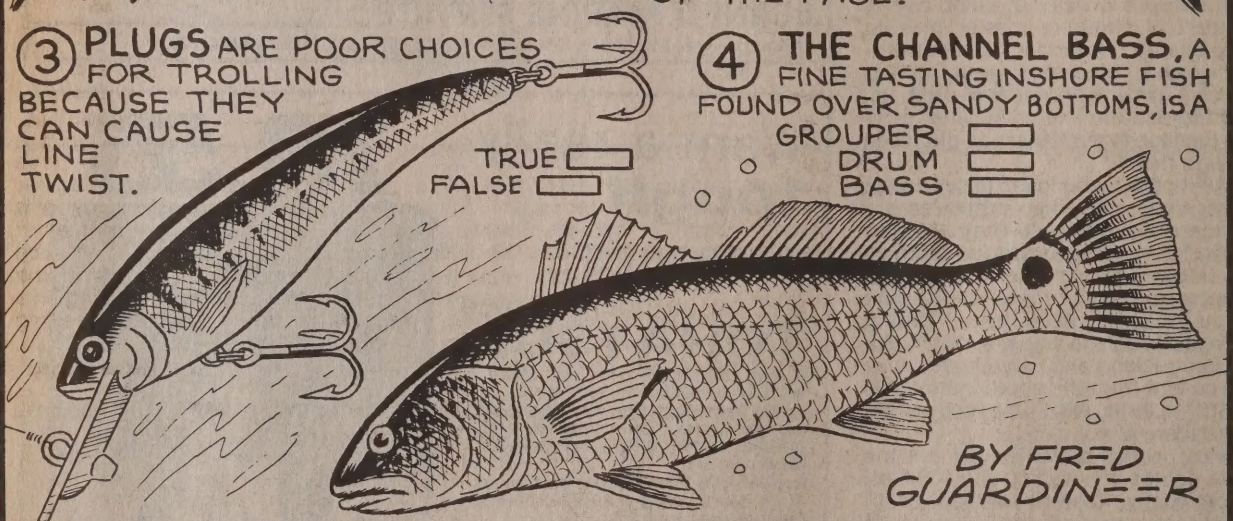

BY FRED GUARDINEER

(5) **THIS TREE** PRODUCES FRUIT SOUGHT BY WILD TURKEYS AND WINE MAKERS... PLUS WOOD FOR THE FINEST CABINETS AND FOR *SMOKING FISH*. CAN YOU IDENTIFY IT?----------

(6) **SINCE BLACKFISH** ARE SO PLENTIFUL AND POPULAR, HOW COME THEY HAVE NOT BEEN DECIMATED BY COMMERCIAL FISHING, A READER ASKS?

1-SENSING VIBRATIONS. 2-YES. A FISH MUST BE ABLE TO CLOSE ITS MOUTH SO ITS GILLS GET OXYGEN FROM THE WATER. IF ITS HEAD IS HELD ABOVE THE SURFACE IT WILL DROWN. 3-FALSE. MANY PLUGS TROLL WELL. 4-DRUM. 5-WILD BLACK CHERRY. 6-THEIR NATURAL HABITAT OF ROCKS, REEFS AND WRECKS PROTECTS THEM FROM NETTERS..."ALSO THERE IS NOT MUCH FISH MARKET DEMAND.

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YOUR FLY BOX

Part Two — *by Andrew A. Gennaro*

The Boy Scout motto "Be Prepared," is applicable to being a successful trout fly fisherman. To consistently catch trout on flies, you must be able to match exactly—or at least come close to matching—whatever foods the trout are feeding on at that particular time. If you don't have the right pattern one weekend, but come equipped the following weekend, you may find altogether different fishing conditions. In this segment, we'll put together a fly box for the fisherman who fishes New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and the New England states.

Nymphs: My experience has been that presentation is more important than pattern when nymph fishing. In other words, if a trout is feeding on brown natural nymphs and you are fishing with a tan nymph imitation, chances are you will catch him so long as your imitation is fished in the same manner as the natural. This allows us to slim down the number of nymphs we have to carry to be prepared when different hatches occur.

A pattern that resembles everything, but imitates nothing specific, is the Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear nymph. Your fly box should include an assortment of these in sizes 16 through 10. When there's a hatch, match the size of the imitation to the size of the insect you see emerging. When there isn't, knot on a 12, 14 or 16 and fish the feeding lanes with a natural drift. Use the larger sizes for big insects or fishing in high water.

My second recommendation is a pattern tied with peacock herl like the Leadwing Coachman nymph, or Zug Bug. These imitate the swimming Slate Drake nymphs, **Isonychias**; and small early season stonefly nymphs and some miscellaneous mayfly nymphs. Sizes 12 and 14 are good. I like the larger size weighted and I fish it with a slow, twitching retrieve during the Slate Drake hatch.

Thirdly, I recommend you carry some caddis larva imitations. These are the green and yellowish-cream worms you've seen in the stomachs of the early season trout you've cleaned. I recommend both colors in size 14.

Like the pupal stage of the butterfly which comes out of a cocoon, the caddis larva undergoes a transformation and growing while sealed within its case. Caddis cases are made of vegetable material, grains of sand and/or sticks glued together with a secretion. Some cases are glued to rocks, whereas others are pulled around by the larva. You've also seen these cases in a trout's stomach.

Your fly box should include an assortment of caddis pupa imitations. These are very effective when the caddis are hatching. Fish a pupa imitation up and across like a regular nymph, and be especially ready for a strike at the end of the drift as it swings toward the surface. The pupa can also be fished dead drift in the surface film. Sometimes, giving it a little twitch as it approaches a feeding brings a savage strike.

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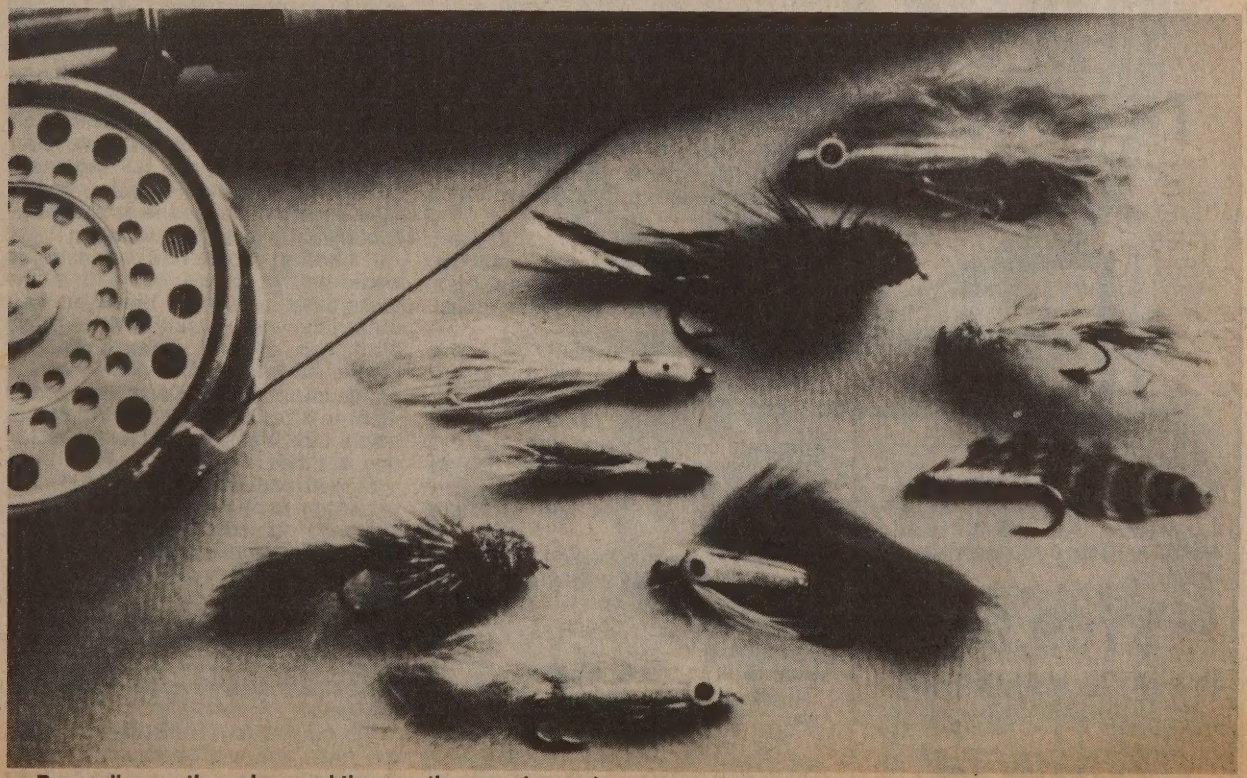

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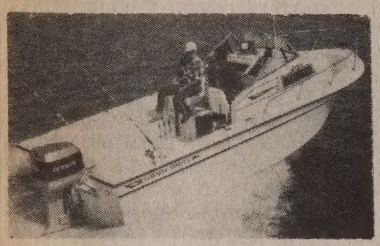
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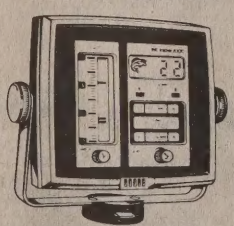
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You can purchase pupa imitations complete with sprouting winds, legs, etc. However, pupa imitations need not be that realistic: a body and one turn of hackle works fine. These are sold as "Flymphs" or "Soft Hackled Flies." Carry some with olive, light green, grey and tan bodies in size 16 and 18.

The Wooly Worm and Wooly Bugger are two other flies which don't look like anything, yet look like everything. Olive, brown, black, grey and yellow are the most useful colors. Sizes range from 14 through 8.

Some large stonefly nymphs will round out your fly box nymph selection. Patterns like the Golden Stone, Montana, Tellico and Brown Stone in sizes 8 through 12 are especially useful for big river fishing after a rain, or during the winter.

The current trend among fly tyers is toward realism; their products are so real looking, they look like they will crawl away. Experience will teach you that suggestion is far more important than exact imitation. Perhaps the latter is easier for a trout to detect as a fraud. Also, exact imitations are harder to tie, and cost more, making the fisherman cautious about losing them to snags. If you fish like you're afraid of losing the fly, you won't fish it effectively. You will lose many flies during the course of each day, so your fly box should have several of each pattern and size.

Wet Flies: Your fly box should contain at least the following wet fly patterns in sizes 8 through 16: Lead-wing Coachman, Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear and Light Cahill. The Light Cahill is primarily a late season pattern whereas the other two work well all season long. Trout will take these for hatching stoneflies, caddis, or mayflies, or adults which have returned to lay their eggs. In my opinion, a size 8 Light Cahill often passes for a large yellow stonefly nymph. A greyish wet fly like the Adams, Quill Gordon or Blue Dun, rounds off your selection of wet flies.

If you fish at night, you'll want some bigger sizes: 4s and 6s would be good. Unless you fish at night, 12s through 16s will be your most effective sizes.

Dry Flies: In keeping with the "keep it simple" theme of this story, we will only recommend the dry fly patterns you really need. This will eliminate confusion and save money. Once you've gotten into fly fishing and know what you're doing, you can add specific patterns and specialty ties.

Throughout the season, you will find greyish may flies hatching. Upon close examination, you will find some of these have grey bodies, some olive and others, brown. The Blue Dun or Blue Quill in sizes 20 through 16 will imitate all these species reasonably well.

The Hendrickson and Quill Gordon are larger greyish may flies. Because of their large size, I would recommend the patterns tied specifically to imitate both. I carry the Light Hendrickson in sizes 6 through 12, the Dark Hendrickson in these same sizes, and the Quill Gordon in 14. The Hendrickson is a prolific, dependable hatch, whereas the Quill Gordon has always been a hit or miss hatch. A hint: if that big greyish insect has three tails, it's a Hendrickson. If it has two, it's a Quill Gordon.

Other important patterns are the March Brown (10, 12), Grey Fox (14), Light Cahill (10, 12, 14), Sulphur Dun (14, 16, 18) and Dun Variant (12). The #10 March Brown will double for the Green Drake dun should you venture to Pennsylvania or the Catskills. The #10 Light Cahill is a reasonably good imitation of the Golden Drake (Potomanthus distinctus), an important hatch on silty bottom streams. The Sulphur Dun will imitate the large early season sulphurs (Ephemerella invaria and rotunda), as well as the smaller dorothea sulphurs.

We will need a handful of spinner (spent wing) patterns to compliment our dun imitations. The most useful will be a brown bodied spinner with grey wings in sizes 10 through 18. Also, carry some cream bodied spinners with grey wings in sizes 10 through 24. The larger sizes will imitate the Coffin Fly—spinner stage of the Green Drake—and that of the Golden Drake. The smaller sizes will imitate those tiny late season mayflies.

The dorothea sulphur spinner has been an important one for me on the Flat Brook, so I carry a specific imitation. This is a #16 with grey wings and a tannish body. And finally, one of the most important late season spinners, the tiny Tricorythodes or White-Winged Black as it's known. These are tied in sized 20 to 22 with a black body and white wings as the nickname implies. They blanket the water by the thousands on many of our trout streams. This is an early morning spinner fall (spinners falling onto the water after laying their eggs), and once the stream is in sunlight, it's over for that day.

If I had to choose one caddis tie, it would be the Henryville. Caddis are those little moth-like flies you see fluttering over the water. With a grey, black, tan, olive or green body, the Henryville will imitate all the important caddis families. Carry an assortment in sizes 16 to 20. The Adams is also a reasonably good caddis imitation at times.

Stonefly adults are not usually as important as mayflies or caddisflies. In some instances, a similarly colored caddis imitation works. Lime green and bright yellow are two stonefly colors you might find useful, both in size 16. For the larger Golden Stone, a #8 or #10 imitation by the same name is good. This is an important hatch on the Delaware, however, it only lasts a few days.

To complete our selection of aquatic dry flies, you will need some midge imitations. These mimic the tiny two-winged flies plentiful on most of our

trout streams; they can be very important. The midge imitations should be tied on size 20 and 22 hooks with black, grey, brown and olive bodies. Their wings are light grey.

Land-borne insects (terrestrials) fill the food chain when aquatic insects are not hatching. Perhaps the most useful terrestrials are ants and beetles. These work best in sizes 14 through 20 and colors of black and brown, throughout the entire season.

Leafhopper imitations work well on meadow streams like the Musconetcong. Carry some Jassids in sizes 18 to 28. Cricket and grasshopper imitations also work well on those same streams in sizes 10 through 14. Inch worm and caterpillar imitations work well on streams overhung with tall trees, depending upon aerial spraying to control their numbers.

Streamers: Like other types of flies, there are literally hundreds of streamer patterns. Regardless of pattern, color and size should be the determining factors in selecting streamers. The movement of the materials in the water might also have some importance.

My favorite streamer colors are olive, grey, white, black, brown and those which imitate sculpins and blacknose dace. I prefer sizes #8 through #4, leaning toward the larger sizes because of the big fly, big fish adage. Of course, it doesn't always work out that way!

In the colors listed, I like my streamers tied Matuka or Zonker fashion. The Matuka is made with a four feather wing which is bound to the hook shank by spiraling fine wire or monofilament through the feather fibers. This prevents a hinging effect between the wing and body. The Zonker is made by laying a strip of rabbit fur, with the hide still attached, on top of the fly body, and binding it at the eye and hook bend.

My sculpin patterns are really variations of the famous Muddler Minnow with thick wool bodies instead of tinsel. The buoyancy and water resistance of the clipped deer hair head, gives these patterns an enticing, erratic action. A brown or black sculpin is deadly when the water is discolored.

Bucktail and marabou streamers are also good. The bucktail offers durability and the marabou suggests lifelike movement. In addition to the Matukas and Zonkers in the color mentioned, some good patterns are the White or Yellow Marabou, Mickey Fin, Blacknose Dace, Erskine Dace, Silver Darter, Golden Darter, Muddler Minnow, Black Ghost, Grey Ghost and any of the Thunder Creek baitfish imitations. Also, try the Brown-Yellow, Black-Yellow, Black-White and Brown-White bucktails.

All of my streamers have eyes painted on them, as I believe this is one of the most prominent parts of a natural baitfish. I also tie in some strips of mylar tinsel (Flashabou) at the tail or throat to add flash and movement.

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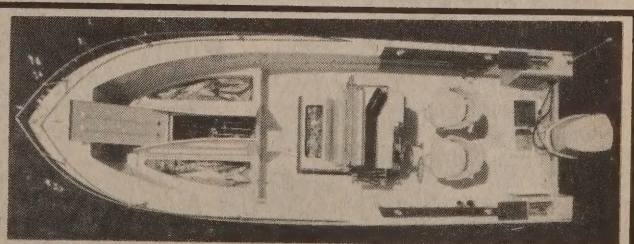

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POLLOCK TANGO SOUTH OF BLOCK

by Capt. Bill Ricca

Boatmen working the waters south of Block Island, enjoy some fast paced action with Boston blues.

In our area, these fine game fish are sought after from March through June. The main area of concentrated fishing effort is centered south of Block Island. Pollock range in size from schoolies of three to six pounds to jumbos of 40 pounds. Most of the fish taken in these waters range in size from 20 to 35 pounds. As you can see, these are large fish. In fact, pollock are about the largest fish that can be taken in significant numbers by the average fisherman in our area. They are generally found in water depths of 80 feet or more south and southeast of Block Island. An exception to this are the school sized fish that are caught in close to the island in the area of the Hooter buoy.

Pollock are great fighters and offer a fine challenge both to the angler and his tackle. They can be caught either by trolling or drifting and diamond jigging.

Trollers employ two methods to hook up with these "boston bluefish." The first is wire line trolling. This is similar to bluefish trolling in that wire line is employed with umbrella rigs. However, except for the relatively shallow depths around the Hooter buoy, this is deep water fishing. Pollock are generally found at or near the bottom in water from 80 to 120 feet deep. Wire alone is not enough to get down deep enough. Often, a six ounce drail and at least 400 to 600 feet of wire is needed to plumb the depths for pollock.

In order to get lures deep, a second method of trolling has become very popular. This is the use of trolling with downriggers. A downrigger is a device which consists of a short boom and a reel filled with cable. This downrigger lowers a 10 lb. weight straight down to a predetermined depth. Attached to the weight is a

A large pollock provides some stiff resistance south of Block.

release clip which acts as a release for your line. To this release clip is attached your line, in this case, armed with an umbrella rig. The umbrella rig should trail the weight by at least 50 feet. When a pollock hits the rig, the main line is released from the ball and the fish is fought unencumbered on mono line. This method is far superior to just dragging wire.

My favorite method of pollock fishing is drifting and using diamond jigs. At these depths, at least 8 oz. jigs are necessary. I prefer jigs with tubes and tails and a teaser tube tied 2½ to 3 feet above. The jig is lowered to the bottom and as it hits, four or five slow turns are taken, followed by several fast turns. Generally, a pollock will hit on one of the slow turns or the pause before the fast turns. Pollock hit like trucks and fight hard for most of the encounter. Once you hook a fish, really lean on him. Continued pressure will wear him down and start him towards the surface.

It is not necessary to make long drifts for pollock. They generally lie in tight pods, so once a fish is landed and things quiet down, run up and begin another drift over the same area.

For this type of fishing, a good chart recorder and a Loran C are necessary. An added bonus late in the pollock season are bluefish which range over the same territory and can be caught using the same techniques.

It should be noted that in times past, the pollock run at Montauk and Block Island lasted longer with the action a lot more consistent. In fact, year after year, pollock were caught by surfcasters at the Point in May. These fish averaged around 15 lbs. and were taken on tins cast into the surf.

As I mentioned previously, bluefish are a bonus late in the pollock season and, at times, can bail out an otherwise slow day. They will be jigged and trolled on the same grounds as pollock. Another bonus by-catch, along with the blues, are cod.

Codfish readily hit jigs and tubes and can be a pleasant surprise. Codfish taken this time of year on the deep water ground can range in size from 5 to 40 pounds. In fact, the largest cod taken aboard my Montauk based charter boat, "Alyssa Ann," last season was a 38 lb. beauty jigged south of the Island on June 12th. This cod was one of several taken, along with a nice catch of pollock to 35 lbs. and a smattering of blues.

You can see that this type of fishing is exciting and offers the angler a shot at a typical Montauk mixed bag. But what is most impressive here, is the average size of the fish that are available.

If you've never tangled with these testy game fish, you're in for a real treat. If you're unable to work these grounds from your own boat, there are numerous charter boats at the Point that have plenty of experience in this type of fishing.

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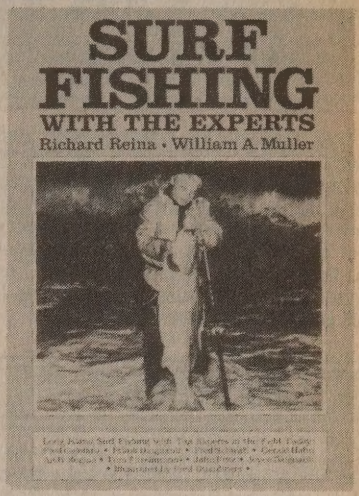

Finally, a surf book that lays bare all the nitty gritty secrets that help to explain why ten percent of the fishermen catch 90% of the fish! Although this book was authored mainly by Long Island Surf fishermen, there's much more to this book than a discussion of Long Island Surf fishing. Do you like to fish the beaches at Cape Cod, or have you dreamed of fishing there? Well then, this book has just what you need; a chapter devoted to the hows, whys, and whens or Cape Cod surf fishing by Frank Daignault. Perhaps Montauk is the spot that makes your blood boil. Yes, there's a chapter especially about this famous surf fishing spot too, authored by Fred Schwab whose been a "regular" there for about twenty years. The book is loaded with how-to chapters about gear you'll need to get started, casting techniques, the effect of winds, tides, and moon phases on surf fishing, how to use artificials and when, bait rigs and baitfishing techniques, as well as informative chapters about the history of surf fishing, how to start a surf fishing club, and how to successfully release fish. All of these chapters and more cover information and techniques that work on all beaches. This surf fishing book offers another bonus. Although a lot of attention is given to fishing for bass, blues, and weaks, there are also sections on surf fishing for fluke, flounder, blackfish (tautog), mackerel, whiting, kingfish, and porgies (scup). Most surf fishing books ignore these species, but not this book, because we know how many surf fishermen like to catch these fish for fun and the table. And ladies, we haven't forgotten you either, More and more women are enjoying surf fishing. We asked Joyce Daignault to write a chapter on this facet of the sport since she's spent many hours in the suds on many beaches. Her comments are provocative but right on target. There's more too, but discover it for yourself, such as illustrations by Fred Guardineer. L.I.F. Publishing, 252 pages, photos and illustrations.

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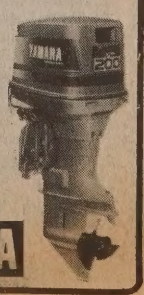

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East End REPORT
with Stu Miller

The East End came alive with fish this weekend once the easterly winds abated and the temperatures rose. Flounder, weaks, sea bass and fluke perked up the inshore fishery. A good shot of pollock and some cod livened up the offshore grounds. The first tuna, and wahoo were caught in the ip and blue sharks were sightged.

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Captain Fritz Hubner of the charter boat **Mistress Too** fished southeast of Block Island on Saturday with a group from Ephrata, PA, arranged by Vince Zilkowski. While seven codfish were caught, talk of the marina centered on 17 pollock, 10 of which weighed between 18 and 25 lbs. A return trip on Sunday with 9-year-old Jordan Achille, his sister 14-year old Nicole, 14 year old Michelle Sparro and their fathers hit on pollock again, with the youngsters reeling in most of the 10 pollock (20 to 28 lbs.) and 5 cod to 22 lbs. Captain Hubner used green, orange and red tubes on downriggers.

Jim Grubb, whose boat is based at **Star Island Yacht Club** reported a catch of six cod to 15 lbs., although half were in the 8 lb. range. The fish were caught on Jim's Mako, the "My Toy II",, at Block Island with Doug MacVittie.

Captain Mike Albronda had a good day on the **Montauk** last Tuesday when Ray Portus and friends from Glendale caught 14 cod. Seven of the fish weighed over 20 lbs., the largest 35 lbs. On Friday, George Smith returned with 17 cod, top weight 15 lbs., with 200 mackerel. Sunday's trip to Gardiner's Island hit into good flounder: Bill Fabiano and his group caught 55 flatties, some pushing the 3½ lb. mark on the scale.

Captain Michael Potts related that the charter boat **Bluefin IV** had decent cod catches on the weekend. On Saturday with the Gianetti group from Pennsylvania, 9 codfish and three pollock from 25 to 30 lbs. were caught. Sunday's trip with the Acres Anglers Fishing Club of Mastic hooked into 14 codfish to 15 lbs. All fishing was done south of Block Island.

Nick Maccarini and his friends from Dover Stone and Sand Co. fished with Captain Jim Flowers on the charter boat **Mary-A** on Saturday for Gardiner's flounder. The group caught 23 flounder to 2½ lbs. and five blackfish. Highlight of the trip was Nick's 9 lb. 2 oz. blackfish caught on very light tackle. Very heavy chum was needed.

Captain Steve Mauss has a few dates open for blackfish-flounder charters on the **Kraken II**. Captain Steve reports good flounder activity both at Gardiner's Island and in local Montauk waters, and an increase in blackfish and sea bass within easy reach. Call him for charter details.

Tom Jordan, speaking for **Gone Fishing Marina** says that flounder catches are pretty good at Tobaccolot Bay, Gin Beach and Can 5 out of the harbor. Santo Caltabinanco and his friends fished the Ruins and Tobaccolot Bay on Saturday on the marina based boat "Francesca" picking up 45 flounder to 3 lbs., mostly drifting. Plenty of blackfish are hitting flounder baits at Eastern Plains Point. The "Partnership" fished southeast of Block Island for 10 cod, while another marina based boat picked up three cod at Cartwright. Pollock and mackerel were located southwest of the Point, a few mackerel northeast of Block Island, according to Tom.

Captain Bob Storc sailed the **Caprice** south of Block Island on Saturday where Charlie and Joe Sciara jigged cod and pollock. One pollock weighed in at 30 lbs.

The charter boat **Fisherman II** made her maiden voyage from **Gone Fishing Marina** on Wednesday. Captain Paul Giangreco reported 55 flounder Wednesday and 48 Thursday, fishing Eastern Plains Point and Tobaccolot Bay. Top weight on the flatties was 3½ lbs. Fishing southwest of the Point, over 600 lbs. of mackerel were put aboard to be used for shark bait. Captain Paul reported spotting a blue shark among the mackerel. The **Fisherman II** will specialize in four man shark and tuna charters.

Captain Chuck Mallinson found good snowshoe flounder action at Gardiner's Island on the **Joy-Sea** on Sunday with Arie Vandermeullen and his son Hans, reporting that all the fish were over 2 lbs. in weight and some to 4 lbs. The **Joy-Sea** will start offshore fishing beginning June 1st. Call for charter information.

Richard Berk, speaking for the **Montauk Marine Basin**, saw a catch of 15 sea bass to 5 lbs. caught on the marina boat "Memory Man." The catch was made on the south side with squid as bait. Some very large flounder were reportedly caught off Culloden Point.

Captain Ron Grandinetti loaded up with Boston mackerel, over 300, caught with Tyrone Lewis, fishing on the **Julie III** at the Point and the CIA grounds on Saturday. A short stop for flounder yielded enough for dinner, one dozen from 1½ to 3 lbs.

Captain Bill Ricca of the **Alyssa Ann** fished the Ruins at Gardiner's on Friday, hooking up with 57 flounder to 3 lbs., seven blackfish to 6 lbs. and a couple of sea bass. Most of the fish were taken on baits drifted by Gene Polanish, Lenny Genovese and other executives from the Genovese Drug Store chain.

Edelman's Lou Rosado fishing on the "Bullet" with Bob, "Codfish" Cathy and a Missionary group headed by Rev. Don Davidson of the Northport Baptist Church fished Tobaccolot Bay on Saturday where they located 50 good size flounder. Rosado said it was "like the good old days," with all the flounder over 2 lbs., some to 3½ lbs. in weight.

Captain Steven Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** reported a very good day with cod on Saturday fishing an offshore wreck. About 60 codfish were caught, with 3/4 of the fish over 12 lbs. Several hake were caught as well, with four of them weighing 30 lbs. Lots of small pollock were boated. Largest fish was a 54 lb. cod, caught by Dorothy Blasco. Dorothy also

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	7:10	7:35	7:55	8:20	7:40	8:05	8:40	8:55	10:30	10:45	10:30	10:45	7:05	7:30	5/22
FRI.	8:00	8:25	8:45	9:10	8:35	8:55	9:30	9:45	11:25	11:35	11:20	11:40	7:55	8:20	5/23
SAT.	7:50	9:15	9:40	10:00	9:25	9:45	10:25	10:35	—	12:20	—	12:15	8:50	9:10	5/24
SUN.	9:45	10:05	10:30	10:55	10:25	10:40	11:15	11:30	12:30	1:15	12:30	1:10	9:40	10:00	5/25
MON.	10:40	11:05	11:25	11:50	11:25	11:45	12:10	12:10	1:25	2:15	1:25	2:05	10:35	10:55	5/26
TUES.	11:40	—	—	12:20	—	12:30	12:25	1:10	2:25	3:25	2:20	3:05	11:30	11:55	5/27
WED.	12:00	12:40	12:45	1:25	12:45	1:30	1:25	2:15	3:30	4:35	3:20	4:05	—	12:30	5/28
THURS.	1:00	1:40	1:45	2:25	1:45	2:25	2:30	3:25	4:55	5:50	4:25	5:05	12:50	1:30	5/29

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
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ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
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On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

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Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/22	5:35	8:20
FRI. 5/23	5:34	8:21
SAT. 5/24	5:33	8:22
SUN. 5/25	5:32	8:23
MON. 5/26	5:31	8:24
TUE. 5/27	5:30	8:25
WED. 5/28	5:29	8:26

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 5/22	7:08PM	4:28AM
FRI. 5/23	8:31PM	5:02AM
SAT. 5/24	9:52PM	5:45AM
SUN. 5/25	11:03PM	6:40AM
MON. 5/26	—	7:46AM
TUE. 5/27	12:01PM	9:00AM
WED. 5/28	12:46PM	10:16AM

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	4:00	10:10	4:20	10:35
Fri.	4:50	11:00	5:10	11:30
Sat.	5:45	—	6:20	12:10
Sun.	6:55	12:40	7:35	1:20
Mon.	8:05	1:55	8:45	2:30
Tues.	9:15	3:05	9:55	3:40
Wed.	10:20	4:10	10:55	4:40
Thurs.	11:30	5:20	11:50	5:35

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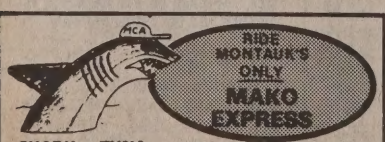

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caught a 25 lb. pollock an hour later. All fish took bait. Sunday's trip was a complete turnaround—a slow pick.

Henry Uihlein, excited over the brand new certified scale at **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** is weighing practically every snowshoe flounder caught on his rental boats. A two day annual trip by the Amvets Post 34 of Ridgewood, with three boats rented by 19 anglers resulted in a total catch of 150 flounder. All the fish were from 1½ to 3 lbs. Ed Flemming reported that the largest flounder were caught by Tom Lambert with one of 3.1 lbs. and Marty Stillwell with a snowshoe of 3.2 oz. On Saturday, Chris Scola, age 12, won the boat pool with his 3.2 lb. fish while fishing with his dad and a friend. Brian Darcy and Joe Moltzen reported 42 flounder, blackfish and a monkfish on clam, worm and mussels bait at Tobaccolot, Rocky Point and Culloden Point.

John Girolamo reported beautiful weather at Georges Banks on the **Starship's** trip of May 13th (the start was delayed a day because of bad weather locally). According to John, about 1,100 cod were caught by 55 anglers. However, highlighting the trip was the first halibut of the season which weighed 55 lbs., caught by Karl Baumle on a jig. John related that a second halibut was lost near the boat. Pool fish, 48 lbs., was caught by Capt. Joe Gorman (usually runs the **Scotty 3**), the largest of his 60 cod. John took second pool with a 43 lb. cod, largest of 38.

Captain Paul Forsberg called in the results of the weekend's Georges Banks trip as we were going to press, relating that all the cod weighed over 25 lbs. Richard A. Digiacomo of Pennsylvnia won the pool with a 48 lb. cod, the largest of 37; Larry Mellia took second with a 46 lb. cod, the largest of 57 in his cooler. A 60 lb. codfish was not in the pool! Four anglers, fishing in the stern filled eight 151 qt. coolers with fillets.

Joan, from **Captain's Cove Marina** reported the best fishing weekend of the season, both catch-wise and weatherwise, with good catches of flounder, bluefish, cod, pollock and mackerel brought into the marina. An especially good catch was made on the marina based boat "Grumpy" by 8-year old Patricia Berton, who on her first fishing trip ever, was high hook plus took the pool with a 3 lb. flattie caught at Gardiner's.

Captain Phil Lewis reported very good flounder catches on the charter boat **Adios**, particularly on Friday when Bob Hall and his friends from Huntington caught 70 flounder with some blackfish and sea bass.

SOUTH FORK

Dick, at **Harbor Marina** spoke of a notable catch of flounder, 37 snowshoes, some reaching three and a half pounds in weight made early Saturday morning. The angler launched at

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Chris Salb at **Bayview Marine and Tackle** in **Sag Harbor** saw flounder, weaks, blues and heard of a fluke that got away. Bob Freidah picked up nine blues with a bass on Friday, trolling around South Ferry. A rental skiff, fishing Sag Harbor Cove returned with sixty flounder to one and a half pounds in weight. Other rentals returned with blues and several weakfish to twelve and a quarter pounds on the weekend. One very large fluke was lost at boatside because the net was at the dock instead of on the boat.

The first night weakfish trip on the **Sag Harbor** based **Wilhelric II** was declared an overwhelming success by those aboard. Although only seven weakfish were caught, over one hundred blues were boated, a couple of fluke, large sea bass and uncounted amounts of very large porgies (average weight two to three pounds). Pool weakfish, eleven and a half pounds was caught by Jimmy Weaver. Randi Rosenzweig accounted for two weaks. Saturday night's trip saw a good catch of weaks, blues, fluke, sea bass and porgies. Pool fish, thirteen pounds fifteen ounces, was caught by Roy Hue of the Bronx. Catch of the night however, was an eleven and a half pound fluke. Captain Lach is encouraged by the amount of fluke around, relating that a friend of his who was drifting in South Race landed six fluke from six to ten pounds on Saturday. The **Wilhelric II** day trips for Gardiner's flounder are doing well. A weakfish evening trip is scheduled this Sunday evening because of the holiday.

A marina boat, based at **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** in **Southampton**, fished Gardiner's Island on Saturday. Jay and Carol Kowalski boated sixty nice size flounder. Jerry and Hilda Markus fished near the Basket in Shinnecock Bay for fifteen very large flounder, which, when filleted, weighed a whopping twenty pounds!

Walter B, fishing with John Romandetti of East Meadow, found Gardiner's Island flounder eratic, catching fourty-eight on Saturday, twenty on Sunday. Talk at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton** is that the Basket area in Shinnecock is worth a try for big flounder. Also in Shinnecock, bluefish were caught on the outside of the inlet and blackfish at the jetties. Thom reminds us that he has green crab in stock. Peconic weakfishing appears to be best at night, picky during the day, perhaps due to the terrific boat traffic on the weekend. One angler, Pete, weighed in a twelve and a half pound Peconic weakfish. Try for fluke south of the Canal.

A rumor of offshore (canyon) action heard at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** was confirmed. Andy Pollak on the "Hot Potato III" took the first wahoo of the season fishing the Dip, a thirty-five pound fish. Three yellowfins to thirty

pounds, seven bluefins and an albacore of sixty pounds were also taken.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Everyone agreed that it was a banner weekend both in the weather and fishing departments. Warm and sunny with little wind made for ideal fishing conditions and for whatever reason, the fish chose to cooperate like at no other time this season. Moriches Bay flounder fishing jumped to life on Thursday with the fishing carrying through the weekend. In Great South Bay many veteran anglers claimed they have never seen so much life in the bay. Some exceptionally large weakfish including a potential women's 20 pound class record fish were taken but that is only a small part of the story. Some unusual catches of large blackfish were registered, by shore anglers no less, bluefish were thick as fleas throughout the inlet and bay areas. Fluke have made an early yet solid showing and flounder appear to be rounding into a late spring finale.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

After suffering through somewhat of a flounder drought for several weeks, the flatfishing in Moriches Bay came alive as winds came from the southwest late in the week and temperatures rose. George Kideras at **Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** reported a fantastic weekend with average catches ranging from 35 to 70 fish but with some boats returning with over 100 flatties. Typical of the scores was a catch of 69 fish made on Saturday by Tim Lawton and Dennis Casey. Fishing is being done at Buoys 27 and 29 on both tides and at Buoy 32 on the incoming. George noted that fluke, blackfish and blowfish are also showing up among the flounder catches.

Capt. Ron Schleuter of the **Moriches** based **Alma Fleet** called to report the sudden change in fortune concerning the local flounder fishing. The skipper reported excellent fishing on both AM and PM trips for Saturday and Sunday. Fishing is being done at buoys 27 and 29 with fares taking anywhere from 6 to 3 dozen fish apiece depending on their ability. Mussels and blood and sandworms have all been productive baits.

Gary Grunseich over at **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** described the current flounder action

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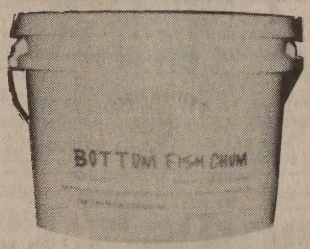

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as super. He noted that the picture changed dramatically on Thursday after several weeks of picky fishing. Bigger fish but less of them are being found at buoys 33 and 38 in deep water while the bigger numbers are being found at buoys 27 and 29 where the fish are being taken on both tides. Most boats returned to the station with between 35 and 80 flatties taken on both tides. Matt and John Viol worked Sunday morning's ebb tide and quit with over 100 flounder to 2 pounds. On Saturday, Gary weighed the biggest flattie he has seen in some time. Taken by Jay Buckner the flounder weighed 3 pounds 6 ounces. Gary noted that some blackfish are mixed with the flounder and that fluke are also in the bay.

Larry Dallaire at **L & M Marineland Fishing Station** spoke of very good flounder fishing on the weekend with the best scores being made between buoys 29 and 31 on the flood tide. Typical of the catches made by those who stuck around for the afternoon flood tide was the catch made by Terry Jenkins, Rayvone Little, Henry Walkins, Alan Rice, Mike Perez and Sharif Little. The group put away 92 flatties to 2 pounds and 5 blowfish at buoy 31.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

A very busy weekend according to Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** with plenty of action reported by customers. Paul noted the sharp improvement in Moriches Bay flounder action of which several of his customers took advantage. Among them were Frank and Lucy Aleva who put away 30 big flounder Sunday afternoon at buoy 29. Steve Clapp has been doing a fine job on blackfish working from the jetty on the west side of Shinnecock Inlet. He has been using fiddler crabs to take many 1-3 pound blacks but has had fish up to 8 pounds. A trio of local anglers made the trek to Gardiners Bay on Sunday. They returned with 15 big flounder topped off by a 3.2 pounder. Closer to home, Paul said that anglers working Great South Bay were kept busy with bluefish, flounder, weakfish, fluke, blackfish and blowfish and everybody seemed happy. The one exception may have been the weakfishing which while very good during the week was off on the weekend due to a tremendous amount of boat traffic. Still, fish were caught. On Friday, Jack Johnson weighed an 11 pound weak. On Saturday, Jack put his wife Janice on to a pair of 8 and 9 pound weaks. Also on Saturday, Herb Wall and Gary Burnett checked in with a pair of weaks to 11¼ pounds. Same day, Jim Vivinetti put away an 11 pounder. Bob Keiser and Floyd McLean went no further than Nicoll's Point to take a 7 pound weak and a mess of bluefish during the week. Bluefish have inun-

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dated the bay according to Paul. John and Michael Newhouse put away a box of small blues at Ocean Beach on Saturday and topped the catch with one chopper that while not weighed, measured 34" long. There was even some improvement along the local shoreline. Back on Tuesday, Dave Antonio landed a 16" fluke and a small bluefish from the Blue Point Dock. Walter Touhey landed three 2 pound weakfish on sandworms drifted beneath a float in Tuthils Creek.

Speaking from **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Dave Canale said that weakfish remained the big news in the area. Lots of weaks were checked in at the shop this week with most anglers managing two or three fish apiece during the week. Action was off on the weekend due to the excessive boat traffic but some anglers still managed to pick a fish or two. Nearly all the weaks being taken ranged between 8 and 12 pounds with sandworms and jellyworms accounting for the bulk of the fish. Carl Hridner, Jr. checked in a catch of 3 weaks to 11½ pounds made at Ocean Beach on Jelly and sandworm combos during the week. On Friday, John Coffey used a Jellyworm to take a 10½ pound tiderunner. Saturday night, two customers known only as Ken and Jim weighed a 13 pound weakfish which they took along with a mess of bluefish. Bluefish are being taken by everyone and those concentrating on the small choppers have really been doing a job.

Anglers had to work for their weakfish on the weekend according to Jim Romano of **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**. Those fish that were taken were big. The week's best fish was checked in on Sunday morning by Steve Greco. It weighed 14.4 pounds and was taken on a sand/jellyworm combo. Fourteen year old Ben Galletto banged a 12.5 pound tiderunner in West Channel on Friday. He returned to outdo himself on Saturday by taking a 13.6 pound weak. Back on Wednesday evening, John Carpluk put an 11.3 pounder aboard the "Sparky C".

Peter Jakits and his crew aboard "Rainbow Runner II" put away 4 weaks from 8 to 11 pounds on the first of the flood Wednesday evening. With Pete were Frank McNally, Steve Ianella and Pete's brother Mike.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** reported taking between 300 and 400 fluke each day with a large percentage of them falling shy of the 14 inch size limit. Still, enough keepers (140 Saturday, 100 Sunday) are being taken to make the fishing worthwhile. On Sunday, 15 year old John Cosby decked 22 fluke of which 8 were keepers. Sunday's pool fish was a husky 4.6 pounder taken by Arthur Filas. Neal has been working the Lighthouse, RM Bridge, State Channel and Sexton Island with spearing and squid. Some blues are being taken along with the fluke with Saturday's trip seeing an estimated 15 bluefish boated.

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Over at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore**, Carl Miller reported that weakfish remain very good during the week though it slowed on the weekend—boat traffic was the apparent culprit as many fish were marked on recorders but kept their mouths closed. Nearly all the fish being taken are falling between 8 and 13 pounds with most anglers not even bothering to weigh fish under 10 or 11 pounds. Despite Saturday's traffic jam in West Channel, Dave and Eric McHean put away weaks of 12 pounds even and 13 pounds 2 ounces. Carl was equally excited about some outstanding blackfishing going on in the Bay. One of the most impressive scores, quality wise, taken around these parts in some time was turned in by Neil Rossi. Working the shoreline on the north side of Robert Moses State Park, Neil kept 10 blackfish that ranged from 7½ to 10.2 pounds. All were taken on green crabs with smaller fish being returned. Several boatmen did very well with blacks on Kismet Reef using fiddler and green crabs. Fluke appear to be settled in from the Inlet to the Bridge and east to the Lighthouse with sandeels and squid working fine on these fish. A few nice sea bass continue to show up in the catches of weakfishermen. Blues are everywhere and are being taken by those looking for weaks and fluke. Anyone who wants to concentrate on the blues need only stick to 007 jigs or troll umbrella rigs to load the box. Some very reliable reports indicate that some very large blues are roaming the bay as well. Fish well up into the teens and including an estimated 20-plus pounder that grabbed a sea robin at the boat of a surprised angler.

Noel Kappauf speaking from **Captree Bait and Tackle** opposite Fisherman's Walk reported a banner weekend with lots of fish keeping the season's biggest turnout of anglers happy. Only the weakfishing seemed to suffer and that as a result of weekend boat traffic. Many weaks were checked in during the week with Wednesday and Thursday appearing to be the two best days of the week. Bluefish are literally all over the place and being taken by those looking for weaks and fluke. Trollers who were concentrated on the blues between the Bridge and Kismet could have sunk their boats with the small choppers. Flounder fishing provided some excellent innings this week with Thursday apparently a banner day. Fishing aboard the **Jib VII** were upstaters Ken and Theresa Holloway. The pair put away 133 flounder between them. A radio report from Charlie Kennedy on the **Capt. Joseph II** as we spoke, indicated some excellent fishing underway at Clam Pond with one angler counting 2 dozen flatties in his bucket by 8:30 AM. Fluke fishing, while not yet attracting that much attention, is decent, particularly for such an early start. Some excellent blackfishing underway though much of this fishing too is being overlooked. Not so for the shore fishing set. On Saturday, Vito Vita and Joe Almo of Lindenhurst worked the north side of Robert Moses and used fiddler crabs to take 17 blackfish from 4 to 7½ pounds. Other shore based anglers reported good flounder action and blackfishing off of the Robert Moses Pier on Saturday and a fair showing of fluke from the sand bar on the north side of the Robert Moses Bridge.

For surfcasters, small bluefish have been raiding the back side of Moses as well as the Cedar Beach shore on a fairly regular basis where they are being taken on small tins. A handful of closed mouth casters have been picking away at some big bluefish in the 10 to 12 pound class at the tip of the Cedar Bar on bait.

Capt. Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** reported consistently good flounder fishing all week long in the Clam Pond area with Thursday producing the best fishing of the week. That day saw 12 fares account for over 400 flounder. Saturday and Sunday saw the days split with flounder and fluke with a surprisingly good showing of fluke from the inlet

to the Lighthouse area. Blues are mixed with the fluke with some landed each day. As a result of the solid showing of summer flatties, Carl will officially switch to half day fluke trips by this weekend. He will be sailing daily from 8-12 and 1-5. Evening weakfish trips have seen some good shots of action with weeknights producing the best of it. Plenty of small bluefish are filling in the time between weaks. Wednesday night's trip saw 6 weaks boated along with 50 to 60 blues. Thursday saw 8 weaks to 13½ pounds and twice as many dropped. Friday night's score was 5 weaks plus blues while Saturday drew a blank on the weaks but produced a good number of bluefish.

Capt. Andy Buglione of the **Captree** charter boat **Captain Andy** reported finding a lode of flounder at Clam Pond for the Art Grady party on Saturday. They also had a sprinkling of sea bass, blackfish and blowfish as well as some bluefish rounding out the catch. Sunday's trip was a repeat of super flounder fishing in Clam Pond. The skipper asked that we remind people that the entire Captree fleet is available for individual booking for Sunday night's "Relight the Light" Ceremony. Trips are 4 and 6 hours and priced at $20 and $30 per person. Call 516-669-6464 for reservations.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph II** reported good flounder fishing most of the week with Saturday producing very good action at Clam Pond on the Ebb tide. Fares put away over 400 flatties and rounded out the day with a good showing of fluke on the first of the flood tide near the R.M. Bridge. Of an estimated 200 fluke taken, Charlie figured about 80 were keepers. Some blues from 2 to 5 pounds were mixed with the fluke. On Sunday, over 500 flatties were taken at Clam Pond and northeast of buoy 12. Lots of fluke were taken on the afternoon flood but most were shorts. The evening weakfish trips have been producing plenty of bluefish and some very big weakfish. The best weakfishing is during the week with boat traffic hurting the weekend action. Friday night's trip saw weaks of 11.2 pounds for Jerry Goodfellow, 12.1 pounds for Tom O'Connor and a tiderunner of 14.4 pounds for Manuel Fukyda. Jelly and jelly/sandworm combos fished around West Channel have been accounting for the weaks.

Capt. Fred Laier of the **Captree** charter boat **Eagle** asked that we remind customers that he still has a couple of prime mako dates available in June and other shark dates available in July. With the surprisingly good showing of weakfish, he added that he will also accept night weakfish charters.

An interesting occurance aboard Capt. Gordon Roman's **Captree Queen** this week. Several reliable sources reported that one of the boat's mates netted a free swimming blackfish that eventually tipped the scale at 13 plus pounds. According to Chet Zawacki of N.Y. D.E.C., this

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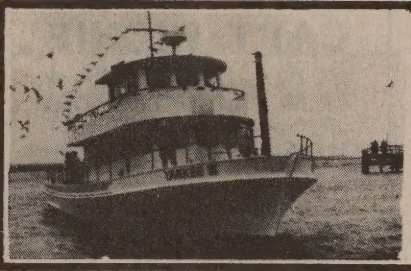

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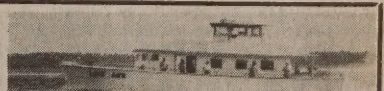

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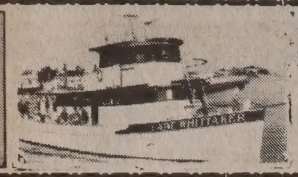

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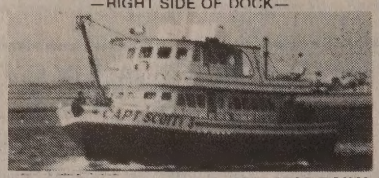

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Capt. Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** reported a good showing of blowfish and small fluke on flounder rigs as well as customer demand is causing him to make the switch to fluke this week.

From Tom Healy at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** came word of very good weakfishing during the week with a definite reduction in the action on the weekend. This was best demonstrated by the results of the Babylon Tuna Club's weekend contest which was hard put to produce three substantial winners. Everyone attributed the slowdown to tremendous boat traffic. In fact, third place in the affair was settled by a weak of 6.15 pounds. Second place was nailed down with a 9.9 pound weak taken by Vinnie Ferrara while Tom Innamorato took first with an 11.6 pounder. Back on Wednesday, Ben Schapert weighed 3 weaks to 9½ pounds along with a 3¾ pound fluke. All were taken on Jelly/squid combos. Al Lorenzetti Jr. & Sr. teamed aboard young Al's "Skimmer" to put away 10 weaks up to 11 pounds on Wednesday. Seven of the yellowfins were released. Also on Wednesday, Bruce Morabito put his neighbor Jay into a tiderunner of 14.5 pounds. Again on Wednesday, Charlie Samperisi loaded 14 weaks into his Lady Ann. Tom weighed a blackfish of 8.5 pounds for Tony Dadone. It was taken on the weekend in the Oak Beach Cove. Lots of blowfish showed up in flounder and fluke catches this week as well as a couple of big porgies. Tom finished by confirming reports of bay bluefish all over the place. Boatmen concentrating on the 2-3 pound choppers have really been doing a job on the fish.

The weekend's big news concerned weakfish (what else?) as it appears a new woman's 20 pound class world record may have been established Sunday evening. Joy Librizzi-Bonvino fishing with her husband Phil aboard "Pure Joy" made her first weakfish ever—one that she nor her husband will ever forget. Drifting a jelly/sandworm combo, approximately 1 hour after dark in West Channel's ebbing tide, Joy connected with a tiderunner of 15 pounds, 9 ounces. If accepted by the I.G.F.A., the fish will displace the current 14½ pound record. Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, who weighed and recorded the potential record catch said that weakfishing was best during the week when boat traffic was at a minimum, but added that some fish were taken in the weekend traffic nonetheless. On Saturday, Joe Lubrano, Tony Gambino and Tom Kastineck racked up weaks of 10 and 14 pounds in addition to a mess of blues. Paul Matulonis used a jelly/sandworm combo to take a 12.4 pound tiderunner from West Channel. Fluke fishing is definitely off the ground with Joe McDonnell stopping to show 6 keepers including a 5

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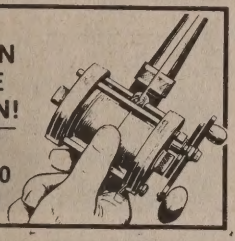

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pounder taken near the R.M. Bridge on Friday. Jim Grandio and his son Jason aboard their boat "Independence" clicked with a 10.12 pound weak and blues at Ocean Beach on Friday. On Saturday, they had a 10 pound weakfish, 10 blues to 5 pounds and four keeper fluke.

Over at **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague**, Chester Shew reported some good flounder fishing in Zack's Bay and also some decent fishing in the Sore Thumb Pocket. On Sunday, Nick, Bob and Mike Sciarriallo and a friend put away 85 flounder from ¾ to 1 pound at the Thumb. Blues are thick from the Inlet east to Ocean Beach inside the Bay. Steve Sisson had 20 of the choppers at Ocean Beach on Sunday. Glen Rankin proved that the blackfishing is in fine shape by taking 25 plus some sea bass and a 10 pound weakfish. John Frevola, Jr., all of 4 years old, joined his dad for his first weakfish trip on Tuesday. He connected with a 9½ pound tiderunner and was witness to a pair of fish taken by his dad.

Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** reported weaks of 10, 12 and 13 pounds for Mike Wolfe and Joe Fucci on Wednesday. They were taken in West Channel. Some weaks also being taken closer to home along with small blues in the East-West Channel opposite Copiague. Saturday saw one customer take a nice catch of flatties from the State Channel at Gilgo. Bluefish are "everywhere". On Sunday, Ed Unkel filled the fish box aboard his "Tin Man" with small choppers at the inlet.

Speaking from **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera spoke of some flounder in the Sore Thumb Pocket and blues up to 5 pounds trolled at the Bell Buoy on Sunday. Angelo Detori weighed a 7½ pound weak and 16 year old Bob Muller clicked with a 12½ pound tiderunner. Fluke fishing continues to develop as Frank Annabel took 9 on Salty Dogs on Wednesday. Only 2 were keepers.

The season's biggest weakfish to date from this area fell victim to a Jellyworm in West Channel Saturday afternoon. Fishing aboard the private boat "4-Play", John Caramanico of Amityville drilled a 17 pound 2 ounce tiderunner out of the maze of boats working these grounds. The trophy weak was officially weighed at George Comb's Bait and Tackle in Amityville.

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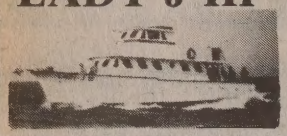

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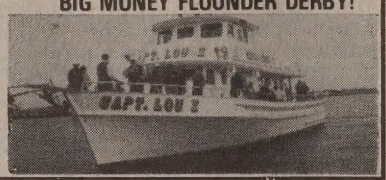

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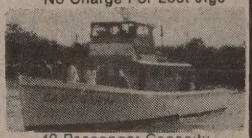

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fabulous this week, blackfishing remains consistent at the bridges while fluke action continues to be very strong with a decent keeper ratio to boot. Weakfish continue to be picked around the bridges and off Fire Island while hordes of bay blues have inundated the area both on the outside and through Reynolds and Sloop Channels.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

From Seaford, **Wanser's Bait and Tackle** told of a good mixed bag this weekend for customers. Super flundering at Four Corners, 3rd Wantagh, Massapequa Cove, Ft. Neck Point, west side of the drawbridge and Squaw with catches as high as 90 fish per man. Fluking was a good item for Lon's customers who worked Massapequa Cove, Goose Creek, Sloop Channel, Swift Creek and Jones. Blackfishing remained good at the 3rd Wantagh and Big M with lots of good catches reported. A few weakfish in West channel and at the aforementioned bridges on jellies and sand worms and also a few on Nordic eels. Four to six pound bluefish have been a hot item in the Fire Island Inlet area, all methods, all baits.

A call from **Pop's Fishing Station** told of a catch by Charlie Nappi, daughter Linda, John Felix, Gary and Ray Shannon of 217 good flounder taken on mussels and worms and mussel chum. Most of this action was at Four Corners at buoy 17 and also Black Banks. Bay blues are also showing up now in Sloop. On Sunday Jim Naller had 58 flatties to 2 lbs. fishing Black Banks, incoming water best.

Joe at **Kim's Reef Fishing Station** said his rentals had several sensational catches on flounder this week, with the ebb tide definitely most productive. On Sunday the Wagner family of Wantagh returned to the dock before 11AM with three pails full of flounder taken from the 3rd Wantagh area. The weekend also saw a very solid catch from the same area by John and Rod Donahue.

In Wantagh, Mike at **Causeway Tackle** said that everything was fabulous this week. Best floundering was in the flats east of Four Corners, Squaw and the 3rd Wantagh on outgoing, best on bloods. On the Wee Twee Saturday, Frank and Dink had 85 flatties while on Sunday Frank and Millie had 75. This was at Squaw and fish went to 1½ lbs. hitting red clam. Harry Rocca and Lee Weingarten bailed 65 flatties Sunday to 2½ lbs. and 22 blues at the 3rd Wantagh on the ebb. Al Cullen and Frank Lobmier on Sunday hoisted 97 flounder to 2½ lbs. at the second Wantagh on outgoing. Harry Marth weighed in a 3 lb. flounder which he caught in the state channel. Bluefishing Wednesday was super from Jones to Massapequa Cove in the early mornings and late

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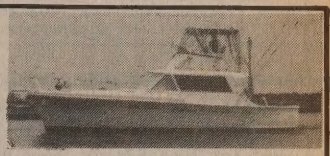

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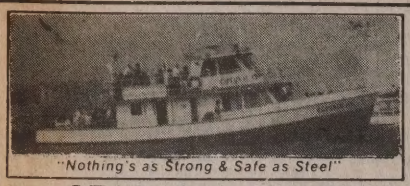
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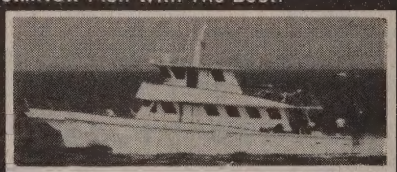

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afternoons, fish from 1/2 to 3 lbs., 5 to 50 per boat on small tins with red tubes or on bucktails. Blacks have been steady at the bridges to 3 lbs., best around low slack on fiddlers and greens. Good weakfish catches Tuesday and Wednesday, fish 2 to 6 lbs. at Fort Neck and Unqua Points, then the area was swamped with blues. The JB piers Wednesday through Friday were very good for flounder all around the high on bloods and clam. Bob Gabriel and Vince Siano on their boat Partners trailered to Robins Island and fishing red and white jelly worms in the early AM hours had 12 weaks to 12 lbs. Thursday and 7 weaks to 10 lbs. 15 oz. Friday.

At **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick we hear of Rich Baltzer having 10 keeper fluke out of 30 fish on spearing and squid strips just south of the loop drawbridge. Bay blues have been blitzing Jones Inlet with catches being made on just about everything. Great blackfishing continues at the Big M on fiddlers and greens.

Swinging over to Freeport a call from the charter boat **Capt. Gary II** told of Monday's trip for the 110th Precinct having fair flounder. High hook was Jim Mooney with 17 flatties with the pool going to Bill Davison with a 2½ lber. Friday's trip for NYC School Custodians had a good day of floundering at Squaw with high hook Rich Costello with 33 flatties and a pool 2 lber. caught by Joe Grima. Saturday's day trip was a fair pick on flounder for NY Telephone. John Tezes was high hook and Tom Jankiewcz took the pool with a 2 lber., all in state channel. Saturday's afternoon charter for the Boy Scouts saw a decent catch put together. Sunday it was fluking for Happy Hookers FC which had a fair day with a load of shorts being taken. The pool went to Frank Yenches with a 6 lb. fluke. The skipper said lots of 3 lb. class fish were hoisted. Christina Donovan and Charlie M tied for high hook honors with 6 keeper fluke apiece. All action was in Reynolds and Jones.

Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** told of good sea bass catches throughout the week, fish up to 4 lbs. On Sunday, a cod took the pool. It's been a mixed bag of ling, blacks and sea bass all week long with catches ranging from 3 to 20 fish a man. Blues also smashed baits one day this week. The skipper called it very decent mixed bag fishing.

We hear from Captain Pat of the charter boat **Lady J III** that the following groups all fished flounder aboard the fleet's two big charter boats and catches were found to improve steadily as the days wore on. Worm, clam and mussel all accounted for fish in both local spots and a bit to the east: Bronx Masters Bowling Bakers Club, 109th Precinct, Farmingdale Fire Dept., Old Forge Tavern, Freeman Management, Bronx, Newsday Trailer Marine transport, The Tom Shevlin group, Port Authority Police, Forest Park Inn FC and Forest Valley Tavern.

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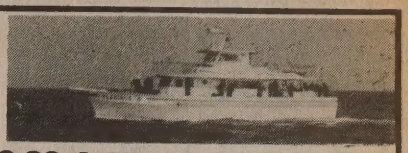

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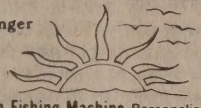

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A call from the **Bluefin Fleet** told of consistent flounder fishing this past week which peaked on Sunday when each of the boats had from 2 to 300 fish per boat. Pool winners on both boats have been going over 2 lbs. with worms catching best with heavy chumming. Pools for the week went to Tom Boland, Irwen Goodwin, Stan Rothman, Rob Cohen and Stu Scott. High hooks of the week were Anita Bernstein, Stu Scott and Andy Shoulder. Best action was to the east a bit.

Word from the **Captain Lou Fleet** is from excellent to super excellent flounder action this week with high hooks from the 40s to 70s. Rod Gruler of Baldwin was happy with 65 nice flounder Saturday. The full day boat had over 1,000 flounder on Sunday.

The half day boat had good action all week said the skipper with Wednesday's PM trip the best with Capt. Mike G at the wheel. Over 500 flounder were caught on that trip. High hooks have been ranging from the teens into the 30s. A group fromk Brigadeen Bar accounted for 65 flounder. On Sunday Seymour of Melrose Vans had 30 nice fish along with the pool. Mike says that a 3 lb. derby leading flounder was weighed in this week. Come on down and load up he says.

We hear from Captain Dennis of the charter boat **Corsair** that Saturday's trip for the Mike holder group fished local wrecks in 60 to 80 feet of water taking sea bass to 4½ lbs., a few blackfish and many sea bass and

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ling all on clam. Sunday's trip for Gibson Athletic Club of Valley Stream had a good day of floundering at both the Big M and Wantagh bridges, Merrick Bay and Reynolds. Worms worked best and they had a lot of fish to 1½ lbs. along with a lot of midgets.

Dockmaster Bob at the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** happily told of an upsurge in the flounder action and in sizes. **Super Spray II** has been having excellent AM fluke trips and good PM fluke trips, with roughly a 50 percent keeper ratio. The Association's charter boats have been doing very on flounder, fluke and ocean bottom on the local wrecks. A 3 lb. flounder was brought in on the Atlantic.

Moving over to Point Lookout, **Scotty's Fishing Station** told of good size fluke caught this week in Reynolds on the rental skiffs on spearing, sand eels and killies, on incoming. Small bluefish have been zapping around in Reynolds and are being caught on small tins and on fluke rigs. Excellent blackfishing at the Loop Bridge and off the jetties on fiddlers with some flounder being taken off the CG station on bloods.

A call from Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** told of excellent flounder catches Tuesday and Wednesday ranging from Debs to the town of Hempstead marina east, where the boat is docked. Fluke are being caught to the tune of 500 to 600 a day, with a 50 percent keeper ratio, fluke to 5 lbs. Saturday was the better of the weekend days with fluking excellent from Garretts Lead to Debs, with 300 to 400 fish caught per day with a 50 percent keeper ratio. Sunday's keeper ratio dropped to 30 percent, but nevertheless a 5 lb. 8 oz. fluke copped the pool for Tony Tortora. Spearing has been working best. Fluke are now showing up off Riis and the Playlands.

We hear from the **Captain Al** that fares on the boat have had an excellent week on blackfish, sea bass and ling. Saturday over 1,000 fish were caught on the boat and a lot have been caught all week long. Even though Sunday's conditions were poor, the catches were good. A porgy going over 3 lbs. was caught Friday along with some small pollock, some sea flounder and fluke, all on the wrecks. A lot of fish said the skipper.

Word from **Ed's Fishing Station** is that the fluking was fabulous this past week with Reynolds best from buoy 17 to the juncture of Sloop and Reynolds. Flounder action bounced back once again at the CG station and Swift on worms, while lots of bay blues have been smashing fluke rigs in Reynolds. Under the Big M the good blackfishing continues unabated on hard bait. Ten year old Tristan Porcelli had 12 flounder to 2 lbs. taken off the CG station. Thirteeen year old John Obrinski, College Point, bagged a 5½ lb. fluke. Lots of 3 lb. class fluke have been seen this week. Spearing and killie/squid combos have been working well.

Captain Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout** called this past week a freezer filler, with lots of high hooks in the 30s on the boat's half day trips. Phil Morris and George Paturalski on Wednesday AM had over 70 flatties. Guy Rienza and Mary Ann had over 40, while on Thursday Lisa Smith had 58 flounder. Earl French was happy with 60 fish taken on two trips. Thursday's AM trip saw Frank Buehler with 28. The weekend was good with Dave Segal bagging a 2¼ lb. pool fish. Sunday's PM trip had Frank Barrow with a 2 lb. 4 oz. flounder. Things were continuing red hot even while this report was being called in on Monday morning. The skipper said he's putting together some special Fourth of July packages, inqueries invited.

From **Long Beach Boat Rentals** we learn of excellent blackfish, flounder and fluke catches this past week. Blackfish have been averaging 20 to 30 per rental skiff. Fish 2 to 5 lbs. One hour all around the slack tides have been best. Clams, greens and fiddlers all work. Flounder fishing has been best at buoys 5 and 9. Jim Ho and his uncle Tom had 55 on Tuesday on bloods and mussel chum. Best fluking was at buoy 3 and Duck Point on white bait. Lots of shorts but also a goodly number of keepers. A tubful of ling and sea bass on spearing was the reward for Frank and Don Durando on Friday at buoy 4.

A call from Capt. Ron Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** out of Atlantic Beach told of lots and lots of bluefish from the west end of Rockaway almost all the way to Sheepshead Bay along Manhattan Beach and it's been like this all week long. Fish have been 1 to 4 lbers. and are being jigged and trolled.

Word out of **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook is that Sunday appeared to be a very good fluke day with more keepers than midgets being taken, mainly in Reynolds. Charlie also advised that in the ABB area a lot of big flounder are responding to very generous chum pots, but at the top of the tide only. Lots of bay blues and one customer fishing a mile off Rockaway Beach jigged 35 blues to 7 lbs. this week.

Captain Clem of the **Commodore** out of Island Park says his fares have been enjoying good fluking right through the weekend with lots of midgets and lots of keepers also. On Sunday, Ken Lemay and wife had 20 keepers. Fares have been averaging 6 to 7 keepers a man with action from Jones to Debs and things starting to shape up off Riis Park where the

skipper plans to scoot out to when the opportunity arises. Plenty of good action inside.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Sitting on Jamaica Bay, **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** tells of good blackfishing off both North and South channel bridges on fiddlers and greens with the best floundering being at Breezy Point on worms. The really hot item for the bridge areas this week has been bluefish, mostly on the small size now but in excellent numbers with fish seemingly all over the place. A27 diamond jigs have been doing it with one customer coming in with 30 bay blues jigged off the north channel bridge. A 6½ lb. blue was taken on a mackerel chunk on outgoing water from the Canarsie Pier by Sid Goldstein on Tuesday. An angler known only as "Tony" managed a 7¾ lb. weak off the north channel bridge on a bunker chunk.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay Captain Joe Huck of the **Helen H** called to say that his fares have been having super-duper bottom fish action on ling, blacks and sea bass. The sea bass have been especially thick going from 1/2 to 1½ lbs. Ling have been from 1/2 to 2 lbs. with the Seabright and Scotland areas being worked. he The boat is now night bluefishing 7PM, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

From Neil at **Stella Maris Tackle** just east of the fleet, we learned that plenty of bluefish are being caught, good catches of fluke are being taken and the blackfishing has again resumed at a fevered pitch. Details were lacking as the store was jammed with customers waiting for bait when we called.

Captain George of the open boat **Pastime III** called to say that during the week flounder action was very good at the ramp at Plum Beach. On the weekend, heavy private boat traffic moved the fishing to the outside and catches were very good there as well. Saturday's AM saw mixed cat catches of flounder and blackfish with the PM trip almost as hot as the morning foray. On Sunday both trips were to the jetty area and very productive on large flounder with blacks mixed in. On the afternoon trip, Tony P was high hook with 15 flatties to 2 lbs. The skipper says he'll be staying with the flounder until the fluke get a little closer and more abundant.

Captain Al Coley of the new **Betty W. III** sailed his maiden voyages with the new boat this weekend and found great bluefishing, with fish averaging 3 lbs. with some larger fish in the 10 lb. class taking the pools. Fish are thick and spread out from Debs to the Jersey Coast said Al and all catches were on jigs.

Aboard the **Flamingo III** fares had great blues Saturday and Sunday said Capt. Bob Wiegand, that there's been a super blue invasion. Forty to 50 fish per man has been no problem with high hooks in the 90s, fish thick and all over the place running 2 to 5 lbs. and some larger. Please note the boat is now running for bluefish daily 6:30AM and all action has been on diamonds.

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** called the fluke action good this week. Tuesday and Wednesday were excellent, with Friday and Saturday good with some blues mixed in. Wednesday's high hook was a cool 50 fluke. On Friday a 4½ lber. took the pool. Lots of midgets have been mixed in. Spearing and sand eels have been working very well.

A call from Captain Tom of the **Elsie K III** called attention to the fact that he has now switched over to fluke. His first few fluke trips so far have shown a lot of fluke caught with a very decent number of keepers and he said it looks like a strong fluke season ahead.

North Shore REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Decent, calm weather, with warming water temperatures apparently moved a lot of fish to start feeding. Massive schools of bluefish appeared in the Western Sound. Blackfish took hold on every rocky spot. Weakfish appeared in fair numbers in the Peconics, with a few very large sea bass and fluke!

WESTERN SOUND

Reports of good blackfishing came into **Jack's Bait and Tackle** in **City Island** during the week, with best catches at Hart Island and Belden Point. Augie Santana of E&M Pet Paradise found blackfish paradise when he bagged sixteen blackfish, the largest ten pounds. Fiddler crabs were the bait of choice. Although some anglers are still trying for mackerel, very few have been taken. Reports of bluefish to the east have perked up spirits.

Betty Anderson stated that the **North Star** tried a day's mackerel fishing, and finding very few, has returned to bottom fishing. Although the blacks and flounder were picky during the week, those caught were of good size, with a few porgies thrown in for good measure. Best flounder action took place at Bayville and Lloyd Neck with blacks best at Bayville.

John, at **Glen Cove Sport Shop** noted that the area is thick with bait, herring, bunker and sand eels, particularly at Pryble Beach, where many beach walkers, including Ron Oldenberg witnessed showers of sand eels sprayed into the air, apparently chased by preditors. Billy Wenszel did catch about a half dozen striped bass in the three to five pound range and is now engaged in a tagging program. Blackfish are taking fiddler crabs at Pryble Beach with many of five pounds and up brought into the shop. Paul DeHasis is leading the store's blackfish contest with a bulldog of 11.2 pounds, Hugh Roberts entered seven and a half and eight and a half pound fish caught from the beach over the weekend.

John asked us to inform you that he has a petition in the **Glen Cove Sports Shop** to request the governor to allow recreational fishermen a one fish bag limit on stripers. Anyone interested in getting signatures on this petition should call John at (516)676-7120.

Captain Cerbone of the open boat **Apache** stated that, while flounder are a little slow, blackfish have picked up the slack, with about fifty caught on Sunday. Pool fish every day is a blackfish in the eight to nine pound range, caught either on sandworm or fiddler crab. Best action is reported to take place from Mattinecock Point to Eatons Neck. A few porgies were also caught over the weekend.

John, at **John's Gun and Tackle** in **New Rochelle** got into the bluefish on Sunday, fishing on the "Jacquiline" with friends Tony Benelli, Sett Bruno and his son, John Jr. The group found bluefish all over from Mamaroneck to Captain's Island in fifty to sixty feet of water. All methods of fishing worked, plugs, trolling umbrella rigs, tins (Kastmasters, diamond jigs) and bait on bottom. The blues ranged from three to seven pounds. Blackfishing is doing very well in the Sound (anywhere there are rocks) while flounder are fair.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Mel, at **Greenlawn Sports Shop** noted confirmed catches of bluefish on the weekend. Paul Melhado noted blues chasing bunker in the warm water outflow at the LILCO plant and managed to capture eight in the three to six pound range. Blackfish activity is increasing. Choice spots to try include Makamah Beach, Callahan's, Asharoken and Eaton's Neck with large catches reported by boatmen. Flounder persist at Duck Island, with one and a half pounds a big fish now.

A thirty-one inch striper was caught at the Northport Lilco plant over the weekend. The fish was measured, admired by onlookers, and released. Small bluefish, in the three pound range, are almost guaranteed in the warm water outflow. Biggest news however, at **Bowman's Sporting Goods** in **Greenlawn**, is fantastic blackfish catches by beach and boat. On Thursday, Jim Malkmus used clam bait for his eight pound ten

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ounce black taken from the beach at Fort Salonga. Sandworms were irristible to fourteen blacks taken by Tom Bowman. Best action, according to Tom, is two hours before high to two hours after high, with best baits apparently worms, clams and fiddler crabs, in that order. Rumors of weakfish have been unconfirmed. Bart Fusco had twenty flounder from three quarters to one and a quarter pounds in Northport Bay on Friday.

George Valentine reported a mixed bag at **Four Winds Bait and Tackle** in **Huntington Station** with blacks and blues leading the list and flounder at Eaton's Neck trailing behind. Flounder average in the one and a quarter pound range, with twelve to fifteen an average catch. Blackfishing was excellent over the weekend, with anywhere from fifteen to thirty keepers to six and a half pounds per boat. Best action reported at Eaton's Neck on the mussel beds. Huntington angler Lou Tinto, reported thirty-five blacks to six and a half pounds inside Can 13 on Saturday. Junior member Tara Foresta weighed a six pound nine ounce blackfish. Good action is also available by boat and beach at Marshall Field, Target Rock, Cold Spring Harbor and Sand City. While mackerel never made an appearance, bluefish (acres and acres) converged in midsound, north of the Northport loading platform.

Apparently, a grass roots movement is taking hold, to allow the keeping of one striper by recreational fishermen. Valentine suggests that a letter to Gordon Colvin, Director of Marine Resources, DEC, Building 40, Stony Brook, New York 11790, might help to amend the striped bass regulations.

Very good catches of blackfish were made on rentals from **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** over the weekend, according to John, with the best catches made close in at Old Field Point and Cranes Neck on fiddler and green crabs on Saturday and Sunday morning. Most boats returned with as many as twenty-five blackfish. Sal Iligio of Centereach who keeps only big fish, counted fifteen, top weight eight pounds on Sunday. Walter Rossler of St. James hauled in a ten pound black from the beach at Little Africa, near West Meadow Beach. A few weakfish were reported jigged at Bouy 11 on Sunday morning, while radio chatter centered in on bluefish east of Port Jefferson.

Anglers have been reporting fine blackfish action to Warren at **Warren's Archery and Fishing** in **Selden** with hot action at both Old Field Point and at the Shoreham pipeline. A good catch of thirty-two blacks was made Friday by Jack and Ray on the Shoreham pipeline, top weight nine and a half pounds, with the fish taking crabs and skimmers. A few flounder to one and a half pounds were caught close to the beach at Rocky Point.

Al Sturges at **Captain Al's Complete Angler** heard of bluefish action from the beach at Hallock Landing with rumors of weakfish near Port Jefferson. Blackfishing is getting stronger from all local beaches, with Cedar Beach, Rocky Point and Miller Place all the sites of good fish catches.

Bill at **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reported good action with blackfish from all the rocky north shore beaches. Nick Christ used whole sandworms to catch a bucket full of big blacks, largest eight pounds, fishing at daybreak on Sunday morning. Nick also managed to catch two flounder, each over two pounds and three bass to twenty-four inches, all from a north shore beach.

Captain John Alberda of **Sound Charters** reported pretty good blackfishing in the Huntington area. A charter with East Meadow residents Bob Beck, Barbara and teenaged daughter Pam, had decent fishing, catching thirty-five blackfish in the three to seven pound range fishing on

one tide.

Captain Frank of the **My Yacht II** claims that "blackfish are in, flounder are out!" On a weekend charter eleven blackfish were put aboard with a few porgies. Captain Frank is locating larger blackfish in shallow water close to the beach. Captain Frank is happy about reports of porgies, blues, weaks and has seen a few small fluke.

Captain Fred Mildner of the charter boat, **Hawkeye**, located eighteen blackfish with some sea bass and porgies for New Jersey residents Ed Merle and his twin sons Kenny and Chris on Sunday. Flounder have slowed.

Some large porgies are coming in. A three and a half pound humpback was among the blackfish caught on the **Prowler** on the weekend. Captain Roy Cash had a good weekend on the **Port Jeff Ace**, with Saturday the better of the days. On Saturday John Devine was high hook with fourteen blackfish. About two hundred were caught on the boat. Sunday saw a nice shot of porgies (about one hundred) come aboard with blackfish. Captain Cash describes the action as "good spring fishing". Since bluefish have now entered the picture, he will start evening fishing this Friday and Saturday, with sailing time 4:30 pm. While the evening trips will be for bottom fish (porgies, blacks, fluke, etc.), don't be surprised if a few weaks and blues come aboard.

Captain Bruce Cash reported that the pool blackfish on the **Prowler** on Saturday was an eight and three quarter pound fish caught by John Barchi of AC&R Advertising of New York City. The group had a mixed bag of blacks, flounder and porgies and witnessed an expert job of gaffing. This when Captain Cash discovered his nets were missing and a three and a half pound porgy caught on ultra light line, was brought along side.

NORTH FORK

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Art White, who became ill in December. Art, a legend on the North Fork, ran the A.P. White Bait Shop in Greenport for over 50 years. He will be missed by all his friends and customers.

Good weather brought out the fish and the fishermen, according to Sal Loria at **Capt. Marty's Fishing Station** in New Suffolk. Most rental skiffs fished the South Race drifting between buoys 26 to 30, a 15 minute run from the rental station. On Thursday, one boat returned with 15 weaks from 6 to 12 lbs. and about a dozen bluefish in the 3 to 5 lb. range. Rounding off the catch was a lone 4 lb. porgy. Great catches on the weekend included Bob Santiago's who was fishing with his friend Kevin Bayuk, both of Shirley. The pair drifted Salty Dogs, yellow bucktails laced with sand eels and squid for a catch of 29 weakfish from 6

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to 14 lbs. and a dozen cocktail blues. Another angler, drifting west of the Middle Ground picked up a fluke that weighed 10½ lbs. back at the fishing station. On Sunday, 8-year-old Brian Bedell, fishing with his family, hooked into two 4 lb. fluke plus a 9 lb. weakfish, drifting the middle grounds between buoys 18 and 22.

Charlie Caraftis described the blackfishing as "really good" over the weekend, however, the scene of the action changes daily. On Saturday John and Nick Gregoros brought in 16 blacks from 3 to 7½ lbs. caught on a rental from the **Mattituck Fishing Station** while fishing the Northville Pipeline. Sunday found the pipeline knee deep in sea robins, with blackfish heavy at the Firing Range. John Viola and his uncle Louie caught approximately two dozen blacks, the largest 10½ and 11 lbs. Sea bass, 3 to 8 per skiff, are showing up as are a few porgies in the 1½ to 2 lb. range.

Ace Cottrel saw lots of weakfish brought into **Port of Egypt** in Southold on the weekend. On Sunday, on a marina based boat, Barny Singer and his friends started fishing at 4AM at the South Race, and were back to the marina at Noon with 29 weaks; top weight 12 lbs. A trailered boat, using the marina's launch ramp, fished between buoys 17 and 18 on Sunday for nine weakfish to 10 lbs. The "Sea Boots" fished the south of Orient Point (Bay side) for 57 flounder to 2 lbs. with 10 blackfish to 5 lbs. Flounder are reported to be picky at Gardiner's, however, Tony Lo on the "Fishalot" reported a pick of quality fish, most taken while drifting. Some fluke are around, with a few caught off Roses Grove and off Louie's Beach (Shelter Island) while weakfishing.

Captain Bob Ceglowski reported outstanding blackfish action on last Tuesday's and Thursday's open boat trips on the Mattituck based **Capt. Bob**. Tuesday's anglers bagged 5 to 10 blackfish apiece with Robert St. Louis of Maspeth taking the pool with a 9 lb. 12 oz. fish. On Thursday, 16 anglers caught over 100 blackfish with Hicksville resident Bob Lautem accounting for 12 blackfish along with three flounder and a porgy.

Captain Pete Izzo of the Southold based charter boat **BoAnne II** reported decent Tobaccolot flounder for a group from the Tamaqua Fishing Club on Saturday. On Sunday a group from the Great Neck Post Office loaded up with 1 to 1½ lb. flounder in the Sound, mixed with blackfish, before fishing in Gardiner's Island. Action picked up since about 30 nice flounder were taken on drifted baits near the Ruins. Largest flattie was nearly 3 lbs.

Captain Larry Ciccotto of the Orient based open boat **Prime Time III** had pretty good action with flounder all week. Saturday's trip concentrated fishing efforts in the Sound, while on Sunday, after over 100 flounder wee boated at Orient by 10AM, Captain Ciccotto ran to Gardiner's to find some snowshoes. A few big flounder

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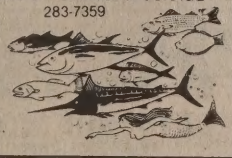

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were caught, with about a dozen in the 2 lb. range. It's felt that true snowshoes are still to come within the next week or 10 days.

Captain Rich Jensen reported excellent flounder fishing on the charter boat **Nancy Ann** on Saturday with Capain Sinning at the helm. The Springbrook Fishing Club remarked that it was one of the best flounder trips they ever had, with approximately 160 flounder boated, many to 3 lbs. in weight. The **Nancy Ann** will beg in weakfishing this week. Call Captain Jensen for charter information.

Captain Larry Porter feels that weakfish are just getting started. The night trips on the **Brand X** have started to produce increasing numbers of weaks, most to 9 lbs. in weight. Highlighting Thursday's trip was a spectacular sea bass which weighed 5 lbs. 12 oz. at **A.P. White Bait Shop** the next day, caught by Ed Bryan of the Bronx. Thursday's trip also was heavy into blues 500 to 600 of them boated. Saturday night's trip saw about 22 weakfish caught plus blues. Captain Porter informs us that he will be switching to daily porgy fishing beginning this Wednesday, and continuing night weaks from Wednesday through Saturdays.

Captain Dave Brennan of the Greenport based open boat **Peconic**

Star is flounder fishing only at Gardiner's Island where average catches of 8 to 9 per person were counted this weekend. On Saturday, Gary, a friend of Al Goldberg, took the pool with a 3 lb. 1 oz. flounder. High hook was 13 flatties. Sunday's best shot at flounder came during the change of tide on drifted baits.

Captain John Sinning, Jr., speaking for **A.P. White Bait Shop** felt that too much boat traffic over the weekend held down weakfish catches. He did report the name of the angler who caught the 10 lb. 8 oz. fluke while drifting for weaks. It was Dick Nemschick.

A talk with Ed at **Warren's Tackle Center** in Aquebogue centered on heavy fishing activity with good catches in the Peconics, with round the clock efforts on weakfish due to the annual Peconic Bay Weakfish Tourney sponsored by the Riverhead Sportsmen's Club. Bluefish hampered efforts at weakfish; some pretty big blackfish jumped on drifted sand worms and porgies showed up at Buoy 17 (Jessups). Activity in the Sound centered on blackfish action in the area of the Northville Pipeline and points east, while flounder catches in the Sound were slowing down.

Freshwater REPORT with Tom Schlichter

A solid week of action for freshwater fans. Trout fishing remained consistent while panfish and bass continue to come on strong. With rapidly rising water temperatures, most lakes and ponds now have fish on the spawning beds. Crappie fishing is beginning to taper off but action with pickerel and carp remains good. The outlook for the next week or two is excellent but anglers should make the most of their chances right now as fishing is likely to slow somewhat as the water gets a little warmer a few weeks down the road. All bass must still be returned as the season does not open until the first Saturday in June.

A call to **Beckman's Bait and Tackle** in **Lynbrook**, put us in touch with Charlie who told us that a few anglers have finally beached tiger muskies in Hempstead Lake, ending several weeks of rumors that the hybrids were actually feeding. Two or three of the big stockies were landed but they

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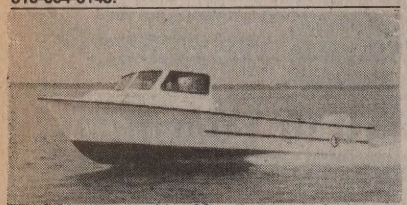

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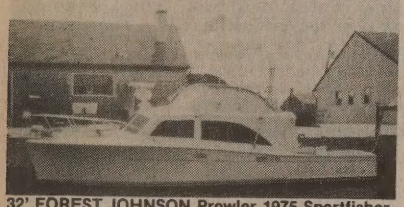

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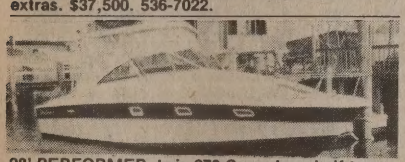

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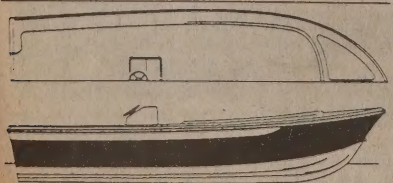

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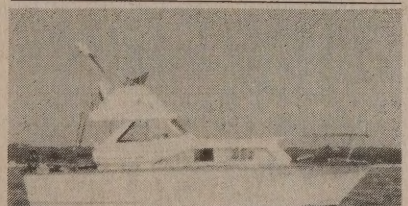

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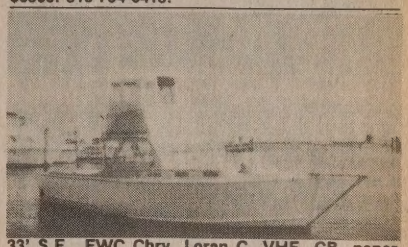

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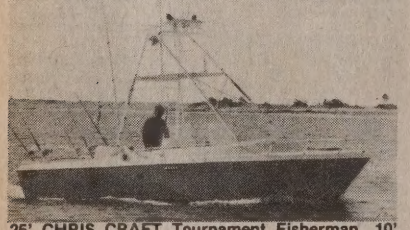

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GRADY WHITE 20' 1984 204C Overnighter, 150 hp 1985 Johnson. Calkins galv. trailer. PORT OF EGYPT, Southold. 516-765-2445.

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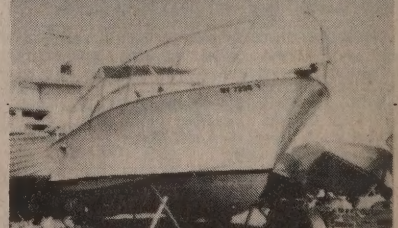

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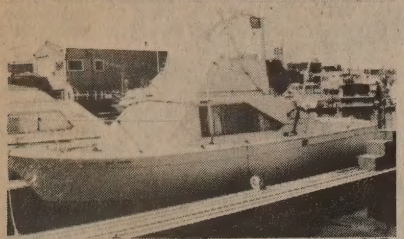

27' CHRIS CRAFT Commander Fiberglass S/F, T/250 FWC Chryslers. VHF, paper recorder, digital recorder. Bimini w/full encl., 140 gal. alum. tanks. Bimini chair, Lee Jr. Outriggers. Constavolt, 4 batt., 110 & 12V refrig, trim tabs, teak swim platform. All CG equip. $15,000. Mark: 718-646-4763/627-6921.

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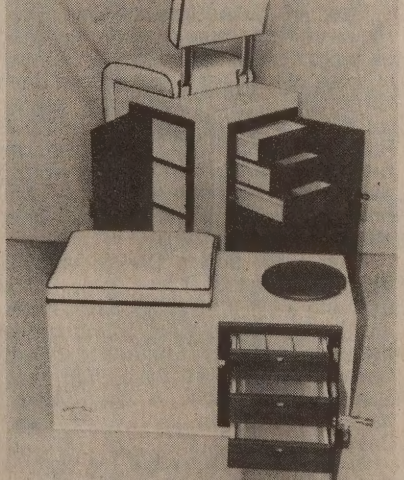

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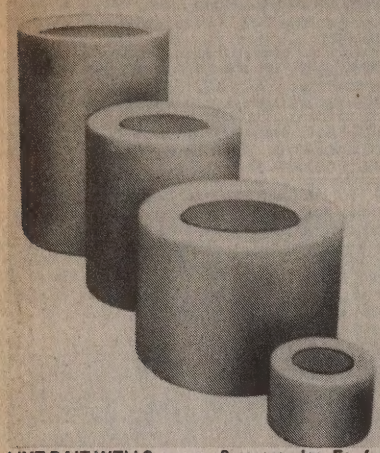

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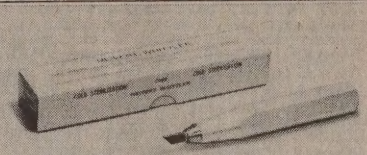

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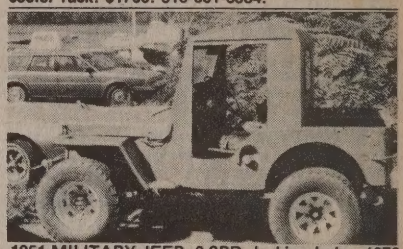

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Over at **Causeway Bait and Tackle**, **Wantagh**, Bobby Turturello spoke of hot action on medium sized pickerel at the Twin Lakes. Use live killies for the best results. Bass and carp action remains consistent at the same location with a few fish also taken at the Mill Pond. Crappies are beginning to taper off.

Fred Laager of **Edelman's Sportsman's Center** in **Farmingdale**, reported a slow week on the freshwater side. Seems the weakfishing is so good that most anglers opted to work the briney. Still, Fred knew that Leon Grath managed a 15.5 inch brown trout on a night crawler bait at White's Pool on the Nissequogue River. Out in the Peconic River, Bill Pate spoke of hitting a mess of pickerel to 22 inches on a orange Cordel Rattlin' Spot.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani reports fishing in Southards Pond, Babylon, remains red hot. Local youths are nailing yellow perch, bullheads, bass and carp. Some of the bass are in the two to three pound class and the carp are running up to about eight pounds. A few pickerel are mixed in.

Over at **Lake Ronkonkoma**, Fred Kruse of **Pine Grove Outfitters** passed on word that a considerable number of three to four pound bass have been taken by anglers working plastic worms or bright colored spinner baits. Richie Herrmann took a half dozen bass from two to five pounds during the week. Panfishing is underway now and carp to 25 inches have been checked in at the shop.

From **J&R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, we hear that trout fishing in the Connetquot River was good this week. Jim Rodgers took a 4.4 pound brown there on a Micky Fin and his wife Carol nailed her first flyrod fish, a fat 2.4 pound rainbow. A few pickerel have been taken in Lutus Lake, Bayport.

Pickerel have been on the feed in Cannon Lake and the Mill Pond according to John at **J&J Bait and Tackle** in **Patchogue**. Tom Towstick took a 2.4 pounder at the first location this week while Kevin and Mike Dugan managed two and 3.3 pound fish. Pickerel have also been on the feed in the brackish waters south of Montauk Highway. Jerry Ingordo used killies to cull a couple in the two to three pound class over the weekend. John also spoke of a few trout and bass in West Lake.

From the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, George Devlin reports that Ken Johnson and son Kenny, Levittown, used Panther Martin spinners to take thirteen pickerel to seventeen inches. They also nailed several white and yellow perch and three huge sunnies. The sunnies and bass, by the way, are now up on the spawning beds in the Peconic River. Marvin Baum and Donald Wansor teamed up at Forge Pond to catch and release fifteen bass up to 2.5 pounds over the weekend. Spinner baits and jellyworms did the trick.

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